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Alberta, 1918



MASONIC CALENDAR

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS commence their era with the creation of the world calling it *Anno Lucis* (A. L.), "In the Year of Light."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, *Anno Inventionis* (A. I.), "In the Year of the Discovery."

SCOTTISH RITE, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, *Anno Mundi* (A. M.), "In the Year of the World."

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, *Anno Depositionis* (A. Dep.), "In the Year of the Deposit."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR commence their era with the organization of their order, *Anno Ordinis* (A. O.), "In the Year of the Order."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS.—Add 4,000 years to the common era; thus, 1918 and 4,000—5918.

ROYAL ARCH.—Add 530 years to the vulgar era; thus, 1918 and 530—2448.

SCOTTISH RITE.—Add 3,760 to the common era; thus, 1918 and 3,760—5678.
After September add another year.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.—Add 1,000 years to the common era; thus, 1918 and 1,000—2918.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.—From the Christian era take 1,118; thus, 1,118 from 1918—800.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

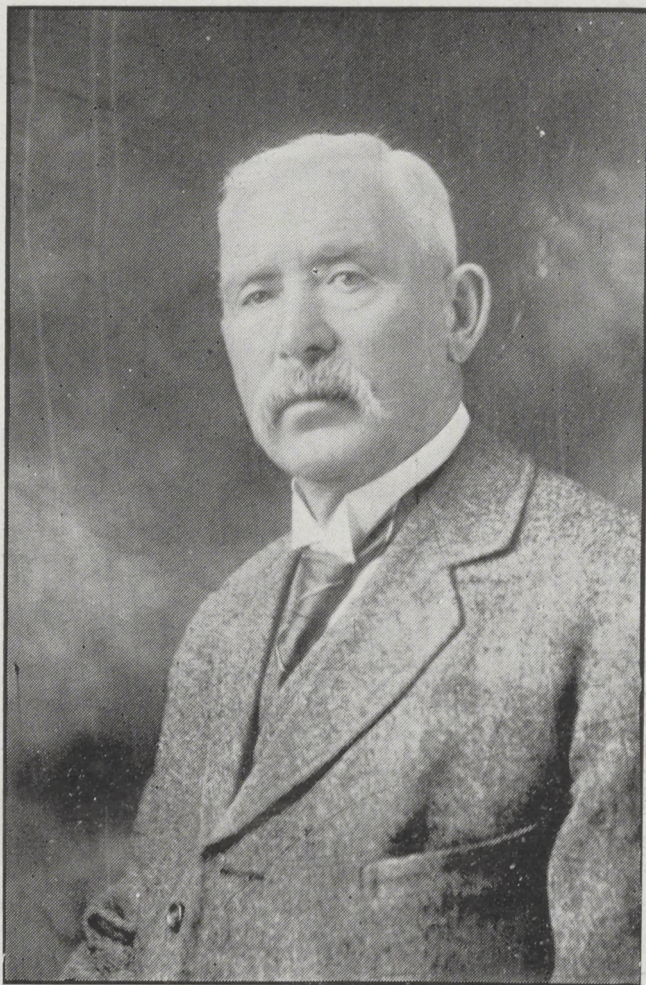
AT THE

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ANNUAL CONVOCATION
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HELD IN

The City of High River, Alberta

MARCH 13th, 1918



ROBERT PATTERSON
Grand Z. 1917

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Proceedings Fourth Annual Convocation

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the City of High River, Province of Alberta, on the 13th day of March, A.D. 1918, A.I. 2448.

PRESENT

M. E. Comp. Robert Patterson.....	Grand Z }	Grand Council
R. E. Comp. Andrew R. Dickson.....	Grand H }	
R. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey.....	Grand J }	
R. E. Comp. John E. Johnson.....	Grand Scribe E.	
R. E. Comp. Thomas Rankine.....	Grand Scribe N (acting)	
R. E. Comp. Norman T. Macleod.....	Grand Prin. Soj.	
R. E. Comp. A. W. R. Markley.....	Grand Treasurer.	
R. E. Comp. Daniel R. Cameron.....	Supt. First Masonic Dist.	
R. E. Comp. W. E. Lord.....	Supt. Second Masonic Dist.	
V. E. Comp. Walter E. Mercer.....	Grand Senior Soj. (acting)	
E. Comp. W. A. Ackland.....	Gran Junior Soj. (acting)	
R. E. Comp. Joseph H. Argue.....	Grand Lecturer	
V. E. Comp. Frederick S. Selwood.....	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies	
V. E. Comp. W. T. Coote.....	Grand Master 1st Veil	
Ex. Comp. George Campbell.....	Grand Pursuivant	
R. E. Comp. P. J. Dewie.....	} Grand Stewards	
E. Comp. R. H. Struthers.....		
Comp. Thomas Baird.....	Grand Janitor	

Past Grand First Principals

M. E. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor.....	1914
M. E. Comp. James N. Rankin.....	1915
M. E. Comp. Fred S. Watson.....	1916

Grand Representatives Present

Arizona.....	R. E. Comp. Peter J. Dewie
Connecticut.....	R. E. Comp. Henry H. Gould
Florida.....	M. E. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor
Indiana.....	R. E. Comp. W. E. Lord
Iowa.....	M. E. Comp. James N. Rankin
Louisiana.....	R. E. Comp. John E. Johnson
Maryland.....	V. E. Comp. Walter E. Mercer
Nebraska.....	M. E. Comp. Robert Patterson
New York.....	R. E. Comp. Joseph H. Argue
New Zealand.....	R. E. Comp. H. E. Beddingfield
Nova Scotia.....	R. E. Comp. Daniel R. Cameron
Tennessee.....	R. E. Comp. Norman T. Macleod
Vermont.....	R. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey
Wisconsin.....	M. E. Comp. Andrew R. Dickson

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 10.30 o'clock a.m.

R. E. Comp. D. R. Cameron from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there are eighteen warranted chapters on the roll of Grand Chapter, seventeen of which were represented. The following representatives were present:

Alberta No. 1—Calgary

M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin; R. E. Comp's. M. M. Downey, A. W. R. Markley, J. H. Argue; V. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood; Ex. Comps. M. B. Peacock, Z., E. F. Doolan, H., A. H. Duff, J.

North Star No. 2—Edmonton

M. E. Comp. Fred S. Watson; Ex. Comps. H. A. Brock, Z., F. J. Follinsbee, H., A. M. Jeffers, J.

Assiniboia No. 3—Medicine Hat

Ex. Comp. Jesse Elliott, Z.

Shekinah No. 4—Lethbridge

R. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod, Z.; Ex. Comp. J. E. Rannard, H.

Golden West No. 5—High River

R. E. Comps. H. E. Beddingfield, H. H. Gould, A. A. Ballachey, J. F. Casteel, P. J. Dewie, Z.; Ex.-Comp. J. H. Green, H.

Mount Horeb No. 6—Wetaskiwin

R. E. Comp. A. R. Dickson.

Bekah No. 7—MacLeod

M. E. Comp. Robert Patterson, Ex.-Comp. C. W. MacKinnon.

Otuskwan No. 9—Calgary

M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, R. E. Comp. Thos. Rankine; V. E. Comps. W. E. Mereer, D. W. McMillan; Ex. Comps. J. R. Flan, Z.; W. A. Ackland, H.; H. J. Cole, J

Bow Valley No. 10—Gleichen

Ex. Comp. Robt H. Struthers, Z.

Calgary No. 11—Calgary

R. E. Comps. J. E. Johnson, Ex. Comp. H. MacPherson, Z.; C. R. Wentzel, H.; W. C. Black, J.

Keystone No. 12—Red Deer

R. E. Comp. W. E. Lord, V. E. Comp. W. T. Coote.

Capital City No. 13—Edmonton

R. E. Comp. D. R. Cameron; Ex. Comps. E. C. Dunlop, Z.; G. S. Armstrong, H.

Vermilion No. 14—Vermilion

R. E. Comp. D. R. Cameron (proxy).

Hillvue No. 15—Hillcrest

Ex. Comp. John Dan McDonald.

Tau Cross No. 16—Claresholm

Not represented.

Mount Olivet No. 17—Killam

Not represented.

Norwood No. 18—Edmonton

Ex. Comp. J. J. Green, H.

The Hiram No. 19—Youngstown

Ex. Comp. Geo. Campbell, Z.

Kether U. D. Pincher Creek

Ex. Comps. H. A. Gunn, Z.; H. D. McMillan, H.; J. J. Cameron, J.

Banff U. D.—Banff

R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson (proxy.)

On motion of M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, seconded by R. E. Comp. A. R. Dickson, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives be received and adopted.

The Most Excellent the Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of Royal Arch Masons in good standing as visitors.

On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, it was

RESOLVED, That as the Proceedings of the Third Annual Convocation held at Edmonton on the 14th day of March, 1917, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read and the same be now confirmed.

Grand Z's Address

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA:—

It affords me extreme pleasure to welcome you, one and all, to this, the fourth Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. May the blessing of the great Jehovah be with us in all our deliberations, and may all that we do be done with a singleness of purpose for the advancement of Capitular Masonry in general and the Grand Chapter in particular.

Most heartily and sincerely do I thank the Companions for electing me to preside over them during the year that is past. I felt when I accepted that high office that there were several of the Companions more deserving, and more capable, than I was.

I can assure you, Companions, that the past year of my Masonic career has been deeply engraven on my heart, and I can never forget the kindly good feeling which met me wherever I went. It is impossible to name all the Companions who so ably assisted in furthering the interests of Capitular Masonry during my year of Office. In every instance on the occasion of my official visits I had the pleasure of the company of a number of Companions, and no road was too rough, or day too cold, to keep them at home, when we had work to do.

NECROLOGY

The hand of death has been upon some of our subordinate Chapters. Nine of our Companions have died on active service and eight died at home. Fitting reference will be made to this subject by the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

THE WAR

The brotherhood of man and nations is under a dark cloud of injustice and cruelty. It almost seems like the three days of darkness in Egypt extended to over three years' Midnight experience of horror and gross barbarism; brother fights brother—the nerve of brotherhood is cut and it quivers with pain and shudders for the time-being at our fall.

This great affliction through which our Empire is now passing will, through Providence, merge out of the tunnel into the light—our noble roll of dead, who can forget? No one will ever forget the crimson path to the place of honor and rectitude. Our national honor is being upheld by our Companions, who passed through Ypres to Vimy Ridge—alas! at what a price.

The shattered veteran returns facing a new environment after years with brave old comrades.

The prisoners who return tremble and, with voices husky with emotion, relate the cruelties of the past.

The heroines—wives, daughters and sisters of the slain and crippled men—prove to us the unbroken tie of home; yes, these all and many more, form the head roll of heroes and heroines.

The Empire's united chorus is, "Never Again"; so that brotherly love may grow anew out of the reddened soil of sacrifice and honor to become an everlasting flower that will never, never fade away.

Let us never forget that our brotherhood is based, not on a scrap of paper, but on a sure foundation whereon the four-square-walled Temple of brotherly love is built. The scrap of paper may be torn, words of honor may be broken, but our brotherhood remains unshaken, being founded on the everlasting rock of Truth, that extends to the place of bliss where those honored Companions have gone. We are one on earth, as in the Temple above; therefore let us seek truth, in all its aspects, that we may be ready for a new civilization after the war is ended.

VISITATIONS

There are 20 Subordinate Chapters in this Jurisdiction. I visited all except three. I regret that arrangements could not be made by the Chapters at Killam and Vermilion to receive me when I was ready to make my official visit to these Chapters. Knowing that Keystone Chapter was under the special care of Rt. Ex. Companion Lord, an honored Past First Principal of this Chapter, I did not visit this Chapter officially but I have every reason to believe that they had an active and prosperous year.

On the occasions of my official visits I was received in the most cordial manner and hospitably entertained by the Companions. The fact, also, that so many of the Grand Chapter Officers and Companions accompanied me on these visits was a source of much assistance and pleasure during the various trips which I made.

I had occasion to observe the work in all its aspects and am pleased to report that the work is being uniformly and accurately rendered, that harmony and a true fraternal spirit is everywhere manifest, and an active interest taken in promoting the cause of Capitalar Masonry throughout the Province. In view of the general financial prosperity in our jurisdiction, and the rapid growth in Craft Masonry, I have reason to look forward with confidence to a very substantial increase in membership in our Chapters. Let us, however, never forget that, unfortunately, every brother is not qualified for advancement, and that it is always our duty to guard carefully the portals of our Chapters against any unworthy applicant.

NEW CHAPTERS

Accompanied by Rt. Ex.-Comp. Lord, Grand Superintendent of the Second Masonic District, and a large number of Calgary Companions, I visited the town of Banff and instituted Banff Chapter. The Companions of Banff displayed their usual generous hospitality and at the conclusion of the proceedings, greatly to my surprise and delight, made me an Honorary Member of their Chapter. I have every reason to believe that this will soon be one of our most prosperous Chapters.

KETHER CHAPTER

The following letter sets forth clearly the action taken by our Companions of Kether Chapter and their wish with regard to the future:

Pincher Creek, Alta., March 6th, 1918.

Most Ex. Sir and Companion:

Ex. Comp. Gunn reported to you that Kether Chapter had unanimously passed a motion that they apply to the Grand Chapter of Canada for permission to withdraw from the Grand Chapter of Canada with the view of affiliating with the Grand Chapter of Alberta. I duly communicated this resolution to Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and it gives me great pleasure to inform you that I have today received a communication from him in the following terms:—

“Regarding your telegram and letter received, in which it was stated that Kether Chapter had unanimously resolved to sever its connection with the Grand Chapter of Canada, and become connected with the Grand Chapter of Alberta, if permission of this Grand Body would be granted:

Your communication was placed before the Executive Committee, as well as mentioned during the Convocation of Grand Chapter, and consent was freely given by this Grand Body to the severing of your connection, and joining with the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Let me assure you that you leave the Grand Chapter of Canada with the best wishes for your future prosperity. Should you desire, as other Chapters in Alberta have, to retain the Warrant you received from this Grand Body, then kindly send it to this office and it will be marked cancelled and returned to you.”

Our next regular Convocation is on Tuesday evening next, the 12th inst., the date of our meetings having been changed to the first Tuesday on or after the new moon. Ex.-Comp. Gunn informs me that the annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta will be held at High River on Wednesday next. There is hardly time to bring the letter I have received from Grand Scribe E. before our next Convocation, and report to the Grand Chapter of Alberta at their annual Convocation the following day. Ex.-Comp. Gunn informs me that if the application by Kether Chapter to be admitted to the Grand Chapter of Alberta is not brought before the annual Convocation on Wednesday and sanctioned, we would have to work under a Dispensation for the remainder of the year.

In view, however, of the resolution passed unanimously by Kether Chapter at its last regular Convocation, that we apply to the Grand Chapter of Canada for permission to withdraw from the Grand Chapter with the view of affiliating with the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and in view of the permission granted by the Grand Chapter of Canada to so withdraw and affiliate with the Grand Chapter of Alberta, I consider that I am warranted in requesting, as I now on behalf of Kether Chapter No. 171 do request, that the Grand Chapter of Alberta be pleased to permit us to affiliate with it, subject always to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

As an old and valued friend of all the Companions of Kether Chapter, it gives us much pleasure to entrust to you the task of laying our petition for affiliation before the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and should our application be granted, we shall heartily and unitedly co-operate with the other Chapters in Alberta and the individual Companions thereof in carrying on the good work of Capitular Masonry within the Province.

In the event of the roads being fair and the weather not too cold, we trust to have some representatives from Kether Chapter present at the Grand Chapter of Alberta Convocation to be held on Wednesday next.

Fraternally yours,

D. THOMSON,
Scribe E.

To Most Ex. Comp. Patterson,
1st Grand Principal Z.,
Grand Chapter of Alberta, Macleod.

In accordance with their wishes I forwarded them a Dispensation, authorizing them to continue work under our Grand Chapter until the present Convocation, and have now much pleasure in recommending that their Charter be granted.

Thus we now become a united Province with every Subordinate Chapter in loyal obedience to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and with the present activity and future outlook there is nothing to be feared and much to be expected from the Grand Chapter of Alberta during the next decade.

DECISIONS

During the year I have made the following decisions:

NORWOOD CHAPTER, No. 18.—Can a Companion attach his signature to a petition for a new Chapter and still remain a member of his old Chapter without becoming a member of the new Chapter?

Answer.—"When a Companion signs a petition for a new Chapter his membership does not cease until he obtains a demit from the old or the new Chapter, and until then he will have to pay dues to both."

NORTH STAR CHAPTER, No. 2.—A companion holds dual membership in two Chapters; can one of these Chapters refuse to give him a demit, if he applies for it in the regular way?

Answer.—"A Companion holding dual membership is entitled to a demit from either of them on payment of all dues."

NORTH STAR CHAPTER, No. 2.—What action should be taken in the cases of Companions, formerly members of North Star Chapter, No. 118, G.R.C., who now refuse to pay their dues to North Star Chapter, No. 2, G. R. A.?

I ruled:—"That any Companion who can produce his demit from the Grand Chapter of Canada should be struck off the Chapter roll by resolution of the Chapter if he refuses to pay his dues to North Star No. 2. Members of the North Star Chapter, No. 2, G. R. A., who cannot produce demits from the Grand Chapter of Canada, and who refuse to pay dues to North Star Chapter No. 2, should be suspended."

FRATERNAL RECOGNITION

During the past year I am pleased to be able to state that nearly all the Grand Chapters of the World have extended to us the hand of Good Fellowship and freely entered into an exchange of Grand Representatives. A few Grand Chapters whose annual Convocations have been held very recently have not yet reported. We reciprocate in extending to our Companions our hearty good will and trust that friendship and brotherly love will grow with the coming years.

A full list of representatives will appear in the proper place in our Proceedings. In this connection I am pleased to note that the Grand Chapter of Canada has, at its last Convocation, granted this Grand Chapter the sum of one thousand dollars. We appreciate their generosity in this regard, and wish for our Mother Grand Chapter continued prosperity.

CONCLUSION

In concluding my brief address, I desire to express my deep appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the highest office in the gift of the Companions, and of the many acts of kindness bestowed upon me during my tenure of office. The year has been uneventful so far as the duties of my office are concerned. There were no differences to settle, much to commend and very little to criticise. My predecessors labored faithfully in the discharge of their onerous duties and I have as a result profited thereby, in that my year has been more a pleasure than a task to me.

May our united endeavors in the cause of our beloved institution be such as will merit the approbation of the Most High.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT PATTERSON,
Grand Z.

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. H. Argue, seconded by R. E. Comp. A. W. R. Markley, it was

RESOLVED, That the address of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. be received and referred to the Committee on Grand Z's. address.

RECEPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS

The Grand First Principal Z. then announced that he would be pleased to officially receive the Grand Representatives. The Grand Scribe E. having called the roll, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies assembled the Representatives at the Altar, M. E. Comp. Patterson welcomed them in a few well chosen words, and Rt. Ex. Comp. Norman T. Macleod, representative from the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, replied on behalf of his Companions.

The Grand Z. then requested the Representatives to convey to their respective Grand Chapters greetings from the Grand Chapter of Alberta, after which the Grand Honors were given and the distinguished Companions seated.

Grand Superintendents' Reports

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and
Members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in District No. 1 for the year 1917.

All the Chapters have been visited by me except Mount Olivet at Killam and Vermilion, at Vermilion. These I was unable to visit on account of their principal officers not having been able to attend on the date set for the visit of the Grand First Principal and myself, consequently our visit had to be cancelled.

I regret that the Companions of Mount Olivet Chapter have not been very zealous in Capitular Masonry. With the number of Lodges they have to draw from, there is no good reason why an active set of officers should not make this a prosperous Chapter.

On April the 7th, I attended a meeting of the Executive Committee at Calgary, called for the purpose of framing a constitution as per resolution adopted at the Grand Chapter last year.

On June the 22nd, I held a Chapter of Instruction at Edmonton at which five (5) Chapters were represented. The work was put on in a very creditable manner.

I also held another Chapter of Instruction at Edmonton January the 25th this year, and all the Chapters in the District were represented. Most Excellent Companion Robert Patterson Grand Z., was in attendance on his official visit, also R. E. Companion Dickson, Grand H., and several other Grand Chapter officers. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Excellent Companion Macpherson and Officers of Norwood Chapter. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred by Excellent Companion Folinsbee and Officers of North Star Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Excellent Companion Dunlop and Officers of Capital City Chapter. The work in all the degrees was performed in a very creditable manner.

I am pleased to note that, as far as I could judge, the Chapters are very careful in the quality of candidates they accept.

On December the 11th, assisted by R. E. Companion Darling and Very Ex. Companion McIntosh, I had the pleasure of installing the officers of North Star Chapter.

On January the 24th, assisted by Most Excellent Companion Robert Patterson, G.Z. and R. E. Companion Dickson, G.H., I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Mount Horeb Chapter. After the installation ceremonies, we sat down to a banquet prepared by the Wetaskiwin ladies of the Red Cross Society.

All the Chapters in this District carry insurance on their furniture and paraphernalia.

I regret that I have been unable to get all the Companions in the District to register their marks, but we have made a good start and I look for a complete record by the next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

The books of the several Scribes E. are all kept in a very satisfactory manner, but I found a few very slow in sending in their reports to the Grand Scribe E., but I have their assurance that they will be more punctual in the future.

In nearly every Chapter many members are in arrears, and although times are hard, the First Principal should see that every effort is made to collect the same.

I congratulate the Grand Chapter on having during the year succeeded in bringing Kether Chapter No. 8 into the fold, so that we can now say that every Chapter working in Alberta is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

I am pleased to report that although there has been a lot of distress caused by the war, that the Companions have looked after all cases in a very creditable manner and there has been no case, to my knowledge, that has not been promptly attended to.

In conclusion, I thank the Companions of the District for their kindness and hospitality in receiving me as your representative. My term has been a pleasant one and I thank the Companions who have attended me on my visits.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. CAMERON,

Superintendent District No. 1.

March 13th, 1917.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z, Officers and Members
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

I am pleased to report District No. 2 in a most satisfactory condition. Splendid work has been done in practically every Chapter, and the membership has been substantially increased notwithstanding the war and other adverse conditions. Twenty-four Companions from Banff made application to have Cascade Chapter instituted there, but finding there was another institution there of similar name, to avoid confusion the Companions decided to change the application to read "Banff Chapter." The application was approved, and on instructions from Most Ex. Comp. Robert Patterson, Grand Z., it was instituted on November 1st, immediately following which, a Chapter of Instruction was held. The Banff Companions are very enthusiastic and have determined to make Banff Chapter take a place with the very best in the Province.

The Hiram Chapter at Youngstown was not making much headway during the early part of the year, and on November 20th, a splendid meeting was held at which the Grand Z. was present with a number of Grand Chapter Officers who put on the M. M., M. E. M., and R. A. Degrees, and left the Companions of Youngstown feeling they were again away to a good start, and determined to continue the good work.

The books of the Chapters are a credit to the several Scribes E. and their Chapters, and while there are cases of dues in arrears there are extenuating circumstances justifying the carrying of the Companion's arrears in most cases, a large percentage of which are those of our Boys who are serving King and Country, many of whom find it impossible to keep in touch with their Chapters, and the Scribes E. cannot keep them advised.

The Chapters were all visited officially during the year, although personally I did not reach Bow Valley at Gleichen at the appointed time, having failed to make train connection at Calgary, but there were a number of Grand Officers present including Rt. Ex. Comp. Downey, Grand J., V. Ex. Comps. F. S. Selwood and W. E. Mercer.

Ill health made it necessary for me to be away during the last three months, and the Grand Z. was pleased to appoint Rt. Ex. Comp. Argue, Grand Lecturer, to complete the work, and I am deeply grateful to Rt. Ex. Comp. Argue for his assistance.

The work of the Chapters has held my very close attention; it has been agreeable and pleasant, and I wish now to express my appreciation of the kindness of the Companions, and the splendid assistance and co-operation of the Officers of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. LORD,

Superintendent District No. 2.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions,—

I have the honor as Grand Superintendent of District No. 3, of submitting the following report for your consideration:

BEKAH CHAPTER No. 7, MACLEOD.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on May 1st, accompanied by E. Rx. Companion McLeod and Ex. Companion Hayr of Shekinah Chapter, Lethbridge. The work of the Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a most admirable manner by the First Principal and Officers, most particularly the part of Principal Sojourner, which I think deserves special mention. This is a good Chapter with the very best of material and working in absolute harmony. The prospects of Bekah Chapter for the future are undoubtedly of the brightest.

HILLVUE CHAPTER No. 15, HILLCREST.—I visited Hillvue Chapter on February 6th, when I had the honor of installing, with the assistance of Most Ex. Companion Patterson and Ex. Companion Gunn of Kether Chapter, Pincher Creek, the Officers of this Chapter for 1918. This Chapter still seems to feel the terrible loss it suffered in the mining disaster of 1915, and there also seems to be for its size, an exceptional number of Companions who have heard the call of King and Country. Under these circumstances this Chapter has been under a considerable handicap but from the interest shown in their selection of Officers and from the excellent material that they still have on hand and from the enthusiasm evinced by the members, I bespeak a successful year for this Chapter in 1918.

TAU CROSS CHAPTER No. 16, CLARESHOLM.—On February 12th, I visited Tau Cross Chapter together with Most Ex. Companion Patterson, R. Ex. Companion McLeod, V. Ex. Comp. Murison, and Ex. Comp. McKinnon. We had the opportunity of seeing the Chapter transact its regular business and also of witnessing the conferring of the Most Excellent Master degree. This work was done in as impressive a manner as I have ever seen and the Companions have only to follow the example set by Ex. Companion Haslam to become one of the shining lights in Capitular Masonry in this province. They have good officers, good paraphernalia and good quarters and I can only see a future of the very brightest for them.

SHEKINAH CHAPTER No. 4, LETHBRIDGE.—This being my home Chapter I have attended nearly all the meetings during the year. The work in this Chapter has been good but not quite up to the standard of former years. I may say that this can be put down to the fact that too many of the Companions were holding high office in both the Blue and the Chapter at the same time. I am glad to say that this difficulty has righted itself and judging from the well tried officers elected this year and with R. Ex. Companion MacLeod who is tower of strength in Capitular Masonry, again assuming, control the prospects for progress in Shekinah Chapter were never better.

GOLDEN WEST CHAPTER No. 5, HIGH RIVER.

ASSINIBOIA CHAPTER No. 3, MEDICINE HAT.

I sincerely regret that owing to unavoidable circumstances I have not found it convenient to visit either of these two old Chapters.

In closing my report I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many Companions who have so kindly assisted me in my work.

Fraternally submitted,

C. W. COOK,

Grand Superintendent District No. 3.

On motion of R. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, seconded by V. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the reports of the Grand Superintendents for Districts No. 1, 2 and 3, be received and referred to the Committee on condition of Capitular Masonry.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tenders from the Star Printing Works, J. D. McAra and the Alberta Job Department.

Letters from R. E. Comp. J. A. Neff, R. E. Comp. W. V. Sanders, R. E. Comp. F. E. Nichol and V. E. Comp. Wm. Thompson, regretting their inability to be present.

Letter from R. E. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter of Canada, advising that Kether Chapter, of Pincher Creek, had withdrawn from that Grand Chapter and that the Grand Chapter of Canada had voted the sum of One Thousand Dollars to this Grand Chapter.

Letter from Comp. Oakes of Mount Olivet Chapter, stating that the "Canada" charter had been returned.

Letter from V. E. Comp. John E. Kennedy, our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Victoria, conveying his good wishes to the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

The Grand Z. instructed the Grand Scribe E. to place the tenders for printing before the Committee on Audit and Finance.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Taylor, seconded by R. E. Comp. Cameron, it was

RESOLVED, That the correspondence just read be received and filed.

Grand Scribe E's Report

To the Most Excellent Grand^e Z, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:—

I have the honor to submit the report of the Grand Scribe E, for the year 1917.

The proceedings of 1916 were printed and forwarded to those entitled to receive them.

Complying with instructions from Grand Chapter, a Charter was issued to The Hiram Chapter No. 19, meeting at Youngstown.

During the year a new Constitution was compiled by the Executive Committee printed and distributed to the Chapters, following instructions issued by this Grand Chapter at its last annual Convocation.

A new Certificate for Past Principals has also been designed and a few of the Chapters have availed themselves of the opportunity to present these Certificates to their Past Z's.

Changes in By-laws, from Alberta Chapter No. 1, and from Assiniboia Chapter No. 3, have been approved by the Grand First Principal.

During the year particular attention has been given to the registering of Companion's Marks, and for this purpose I had Mark forms printed, and forwarded to the Chapters. A few of the Chapters have availed themselves of the use of these forms, and if the remainder will follow their good example a complete record of Marks will soon be registered in the Grand Chapter Book.

The question of having this office supply forms for Applications for Membership and Exaltation has been suggested, and I strongly recommend that a sufficient number be printed for the use of the several Chapters.

On May 8th a Petition was received from twenty-four Companions resident at Banff, requesting that a Royal Arch Chapter be instituted at that city, and on July 19th a Dispensation was issued to Banff Chapter, naming A. N. Saddington as Z, J. I. Brewster as H, R. P. Duke as J.

The following were the Petitioning Companions:—F. L. Wellman, R. H. Brett, G. M. Atkin, John Watters, R. P. Duke, R. B. Martin, A. L. C. Orr, L. S. Crosby, T. A. Dunsmore, W. G. Fyfe, H. E. Sibbald, A. Anderson, R. L. McIlveen, H. C. Ritchie, Jas. I. McLeod, A. N. Saddington, R. B. Moore, James Brewster, G. M. Fear, R. G. Brett, J. D. Hansen, S. M. Young, W. R. Seattle, S. J. Clarke.

On November 1st Banff Chapter was instituted by M. E. Comp. Robert Patterson, Grand Z, assisted by R. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, Grand J, R. E. Comp. W. E. Lord, Grand Superintendent; R. E. Comp. J. H. Argue, Grand Lecturer, and R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, Grand Scribe E.

I regret that I have been unable to obtain any report from Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17, except through the courtesy of R. E. Companions D. R. Cameron and F. E. Nichol. The Scribe E has been written to several times but has not honored me with a single reply.

The Scribes E of several of the Chapters have, with this exception, been prompt in making their annual returns to Grand Chapter. I have noticed one serious failure on the part of some of the Scribes, viz., in not making application for Registration and Certificate within one month of the Companion's Exaltation, as required by the Constitution. The tendency to hold these applications until the end of the year entails additional work on the Grand Scribe E at a time when he should be giving his undivided attention to the closing of his books. This practice is also unfair to the Exalted Companion as he frequently has to wait months for a Certificate which should be presented to him without delay.

Nothing of great moment in the way of correspondence has reached the Grand Scribe E's Office, with perhaps the exception of correspondence with the Grand Chapter of Canada relating to the completion of the agreement between that Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Alberta. In this connection Grand Scribe E, Henry T. Smith of the Grand Chapter of Canada, advised me that the Charters from the Grand Chapter of Canada, held by Hillvue and Mount Olivet Chapters, had not been returned.

This matter was taken up with the two Chapters mentioned, but in the case of Mount Olivet, as I have stated before, with no satisfactory result. The Hillvue Charter, I believe, has been returned.

I have succeeded through the courtesy of R. E. Comp. Henry T. Smith, and others, in collecting a set of Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada from the time the first Chapter (now Alberta No. 1) was instituted in this Province, with the exception of that for the year 1897. I trust that some good Companion may be able to supply this one, and thus complete the records.

The furniture, books and supplies of the Grand Scribe E's Office have been insured against fire, in the Dominion of Canada Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company.

Law costs amounting to \$780.35 in connection with the controversy between the Grand Chapter of Canada and this Grand Chapter have been paid since the last annual Convocation.

There is still the sum of \$100.48 owing this Grand Chapter from the following Chapters:—

Assiniboia, No. 3.....	\$.53
Golden West, No. 5.....	3.00
Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	1.43
Bekah, No. 7.....	.15
Bow Valley, No. 10.....	.88
Calgary, No. 11.....	4.00
Keystone, No. 12.....	30.00
Capital City, No. 13.....	9.00
Vermillion, No. 14.....	1.53
Hillvue, No. 15.....	4.50
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	2.83
Mount Olivet, No. 17.....	8.63
The Hiram, No. 19.....	8.40
Banff U.D.....	25.60
	—————\$ 100.48

MEMBERSHIP

At the last annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, there were 1736 members on our roll. This has been increased during the year by 136 making a total membership of 1872. There has been a decrease in membership in only one Chapter, and only two Chapters report that no degrees have been conferred.

Detailed statement of membership for the year:

Membership, Dec. 31st, 1917..... 1736

Additions

Restored to Dec. 31st, 1917.....	2
Admitted to Dec. 31st, 1917.....	225
Affiliated to Dec. 31st, 1917.....	22
Petitioners from Banff Chapter U. D.....	24
Kether Chapter No. 8 affiliated with G. R. A.....	32
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	305

Deductions

Deaths.....	16	
Resignations.....	63	
Suspensions.....	90	
		169
Membership Dec. 31st, 1918.....		1872

Two hundred and twelve Royal Arch Certificates have been issued to Companions during the year.

The Annual Fees for the year were 37½c per capita.

INVENTORY OF STOCK, FURNITURE, ETC.

Calgary, February 28, 1918

Office Desk.....	\$ 18.00
Office Cabinet.....	25.00
Regalia.....	63.00
Envelopes, Letter Heads, etc.....	25.00
Stone.....	68.00
Blank Certificates.....	15.00
Mailing Tubes.....	.50
Cuts.....	30.00
Dispensation Forms.....	4.00
Order on Treasurer, Forms.....	4.00
Register of Certificates, Forms.....	4.00
Foreign Commission, Forms.....	12.00
Return of Member, Forms.....	15.00
Books of Constitution.....	62.50
Past Principal's Certificates.....	5.50
Grand Chapter Officer's Certificates.....	6.75
Seal Press.....	7.50
Books—Office, Chapter and Work.....	300.00
Forms not otherwise specified.....	15.00
Postage.....	.89
	\$ 681.64

ASSETS

February 28, 1918

Cash in Bank.....	\$ 674.65
Accounts Receivable.....	100.48
Regalia, Furniture Books and Stock.....	681.64
Excess of Liabilities over Assets.....	976.33
	\$ 2,433.10

LIABILITIES

Loan from Alberta Chapter, No. 1.....	\$ 692.55
Loan from North Star Chapter, No. 2.....	521.20
Loan from Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.....	1200.00
J. D. McARA, printing.....	14.75
Calgary Photo Engraving Co.....	2.60
Grand Scribe E., postage.....	2.00
	\$ 2,433.10

RECEIPTS

The receipts for the year amounted to \$2869.18, and this amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer. The sum of \$100.48 is due the Grand Chapter from subordinate Chapters.

Amounts received from 1st March, 1917, to 28th February, 1918:—

Alberta Chapter, No. 1.....	\$ 170.72
North Star Chapter No. 2.....	170.63
Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3.....	106.85
Shekinah Chapter, No. 4.....	86.13
Golden West Chapter, No. 5.....	85.75
Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6.....	47.45
Bekah Chapter, No. 7.....	83.90
Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9.....	1428.75
Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10.....	94.75
Calgary Chapter, No. 11.....	73.75
Keystone Chapter, No. 12.....	43.75
Capital City Chapter, No. 13.....	141.40
Vermilion Chapter, No. 14.....	39.20
Hillvue Chapter, No. 15.....	47.90
Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16.....	40.25
Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17.....	
Norwood Chapter, No. 18.....	58.90
The Hiram Chapter, No. 19.....	110.10
Banff Chapter, U.D.....	35.00

Amounts received from other sources:

E. E. Farley.....	1.50
A. R. Dickson.....	1.50
F. S. Watson.....	1.00
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	\$ 2,869.18

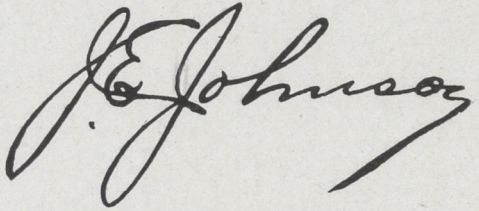
Amounts Paid to Grand Treasurer

1917		
Mar.	24.....	45.40
Apl.	26.....	7.00
May	2.....	1200.00
May	11.....	39.00
June	16.....	67.35
June	25.....	34.00
July	17.....	18.75
July	18.....	12.50
July	30.....	119.50
Aug.	9.....	23.00
Nov.	5.....	19.00
Nov.	13.....	25.00
Nov.	23.....	31.00
Nov.	24.....	14.85
Dec.	6.....	55.85
Dec.	15.....	42.50
Dec.	22.....	36.60
Dec.	27.....	155.63

1918

Jan.	3	139.85
Jan.	4	79.75
Jan.	11	168.95
Jan.	17	158.22
Jan.	23	4.80
Jan.	30	92.75
Feb.	7	56.85
Feb.	11	70.28
Feb.	25	48.55
Feb.	28	102.25
		<hr/> \$ 2,869.18

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Scribe E.

During the year 1917 the following Representatives have been commissioned by the Grand Z. to represent this Grand Chapter near their respective Grand Chapters:—

Arkansas.....	C. A. Evans, M.D.....	Arkadelphia
Colorado.....	Wm. S. Pickerell.....	Durango
Connecticut.....	Wm. Bowers.....	New Haven
Kansas.....	Frank B. Wood.....	Emporia
Massachusetts.....	Robt. W. Oliver.....	Charlestown
Maryland.....	H. O. Perry.....	Baltimore
Missouri.....	Wm. K. Davis.....	West Plains
Nevada.....	E. F. W. Millard.....	Ely
New Zealand.....	Robt. W. Stiles.....	Nelson
North Dakota.....	Walter R. Reed.....	Amenia
Nova Scotia.....	Fletcher H. Northrup.....	Kingston
Oklahoma.....	E. P. Gallup.....	Oklahoma City
Quebec.....	Walter J. Francis.....	Montreal
Tennessee.....	Frank E. Bartley.....	Morristown
Utah.....	Ernest A. Tripp.....	Salt Lake City
Victoria.....	J. E. Kennedy.....	Melbourne
West Australia.....	Chas. E. Bedells.....	Perth
Wisconsin.....	Jas. A. Phillips.....	Neillsville
Wyoming.....	Chas. Elmer Lane.....	Cheyenne

The following Companions have been commissioned as Representatives of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter:

Arkansas.....	D. L. Murison.....	Macleod
Connecticut.....	H. H. Gould.....	High River
Kansas.....	H. C. Taylor.....	Edmonton
Missouri.....	James B. Sutherland.....	Macleod
Maryland.....	W. E. Mercer.....	Calgary
Massachusetts.....	Walter V. Sanders.....	Medicine Hat
Nevada.....	Thos. M. Burnett.....	Bellevue
New Zealand.....	Dr. H. E. Beddingfield.....	High River
North Dakota.....	T. Fred English.....	Calgary
Nova Scotia.....	D. R. Cameron.....	Edmonton
Oklahoma.....	A. Hayr.....	Lethbridge
Quebec.....	Fred. R. Jelfs.....	Calgary
Tennessee.....	Norman T. MacLeod.....	Lethbridge
Utah.....	Dr. J. A. Neff.....	Edmonton
Victoria.....	David McIntosh.....	Edmonton
West Australia.....	S. E. Cornell.....	Edmonton
Wisconsin.....	A. R. Dickson.....	Wetaskiwin
Wyoming.....	F. E. Nichol.....	Killam

By authority of the Grand First Principal, the following Dispensations have been issued:—

To install Principals, who have not served in the chair of the Second or Third Principal as the case may be, for the period of twelve months:

The Hiram, No. 19.....	Dec. 5th, 1917
Bekah, No. 7.....	Jan. 5th, 1917
Calgary, No. 11.....	Jan. 5th, 1918
Calgary, No. 11.....	Jan. 5th, 1918

To install out of time:

Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	Mar. 26th, 1917
Alberta, No. 1.....	Dec. 13th, 1917
Capital City, No. 13.....	Dec. 18th, 1917
Bow Valley, No. 14.....	Dec. 20th, 1917
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	Jan. 5th, 1918
Alberta, No. 1.....	Jan. 5th, 1918
Hillvue, No. 15.....	Feb. 1st, 1918

To ballot on petitions of Brethern less than six months Master Masons:

Shekinah, No. 4.....	Oct. 10th, 1917
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To nominate a Second Principal in place of one who declined the Office in a Chapter U. D.:

Banff, U. D.....	Nov. 1st, 1917
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To hold Regular Convocation out of time:

Norwood, No. 18.....	Nov. 3rd, 1917
Golden West, No. 5.....	Dec. 8th, 1917
Bekah, No. 7.....	Jan. 4th, 1918
North Star, No. 2.....	Feb. 25th, 1918

To accept petition of a serving Brother:

Norwood, No. 18.....	Jan. 11th, 1918
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To erect a new Chapter:

Banff.....	July 14th, 1917
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To continue to work as a Royal Arch Chapter:

Kether.....	Feb. 21st, 1918
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LIST OF MEMBERS SUSPENDED FOR N. P. D.

Alberta Chapter No. 1

Anderson, H. E.	Johnstone, H. J.
Allen, Alex.	Jell, W. R.
Alexander, J. :Lambert	Jay, F. J.
Bangs, Ernest J.	Kirby, W. J.
Bartholemew, Saml.	Killeen, H. C.
Becker, J. A.	Louden, Jno.
Bishop, T. J.	Ledder, Geo. E.
Blair, S. J.	Ley, Chas.
Brewer, A.	May, Dawson.
Collett, Wm.	Marcel, R.
Campbell, Allen	McNeil, J.
Campbell, G. H.	MacLaren, W.
Dangerfield, A. V.	MacDonald, A.
Drew, Jno.	MacDonald, J. T.
Douche, Wm.	MacKinnon, T. M.
Doll, L. H.	Pascoe, J. B.
Douglas, H. M.	Pyman, Frank
Duff, Jno.	Patteson, Chas. A.
Dunlop, J. C.	Stocks, Wm.
Dagg, A. E.	Smalley, Jas.
Esson, J. W.	Tomlinson, J. H.
Fox, R. W.	Taylor, Percy
Gordon, James Grant	Wilson, Stephen
Gillies, D. W.	Whyte, Alex.
Hogbin, G. H.	Weir, T. F.
Houston, W.	Wood, C. E. D.
Humphries, H. J.	Whitehair, T. G.
Hunter, Albert	Wrigley, Frank
Hames, W. A. W.	Williams, H. R.
Hope, Donald	Walker, J. H. A.
Johnson, P. H.	

North Star Chapter No. 2

Benson, L. R.	Logan, E. C.
Brill, J. W.	Lewis, J. W.
Clay, W. S.	MacKenzie, K. B.
Cameron, R. M.	McMillan, O. D.
Cross, J. E.	Ross, J.
Hursell, J.	Sutler, C. W.
Hatcher, A. A.	Smith, W.
Kirkpatrick, E.	Todd, A. C.

Shekinah Chapter No. 4

Cunningham, E. A.	Lelliott, J. W.
Delaney, G. A.	Mason, F. E.
Graham, H. E.	Maxwell, F. A.
James, G. F.	Whitmore, H.
Jones, C. H.	Young, C. R.

Bow Valley Chapter No. 10

Burr, J. W.	McCammon, W. J.
Graham, W. A.	

LIST OF COMPANIONS WHO HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM MEMBERSHIP

Alberta Chapter No. 1

Bass, F. L.	McHugh, D. O. C.
Crosby, L. S.	McCammon, W. J.
Darker, R. A.	Saddington, A. N.
Dean, J. A.	Wilson, W. R.

North Star Chapter No. 2

McCarthy, T. F.

Assiniboia Chapter No. 3

Day, J. F.	Dickinson, F. A.
Dewie, P. J.	McLennan, K.

Shekinah Chapter No. 4

Dore, C. S.	Dooley, E. V.
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Calgary Chapter No. 11

Damery, G. B.	Harling, A.
Cook, C. M.	Mercer, W. E.
Hall, W. E.	Murray, H. F.

Keystone Chapter No. 12

McGeagh, E.

Capital City Chapter No. 13

Bray, L. T.	Trowbridge, E.
Fletcher, T. W.	Wilson, T. H.

Norwood Chapter, No. 18

Empay, H. S.	Sporle, W.
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COMPANIONS RESTORED TO MEMBERSHIP

Clyde Nelson Moore.....	Golden West Chapter No. 5
Wm. Calwell Stirling	Golden West Chapter No. 5

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. H. Argue, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thos. Rankine, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Grand Scribe E. having been printed and distributed, that the same be considered as read, and be referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

STATEMENT OF GRAND TREASURER.

Statement of Grand Treasurer

Received from March 1, 1917, to February 28, 1918

1917					
Mar.	1	Amount in Bank.....	\$	631.13	
Mar.	24	From Grand Scribe E.....		45.40	
Apl.	26	" " ".....		7.00	
May	2	" " ".....		1200.00	
May	11	" " ".....		39.00	
June	16	" " ".....		67.35	
June	25	" " ".....		34.00	
July	17	" " ".....		18.75	
July	18	" " ".....		12.50	
July	30	" " ".....		119.50	
Aug.	9	" " ".....		23.00	
Nov.	5	" " ".....		19.00	
Nov.	13	" " ".....		25.00	
Nov.	23	" " ".....		31.00	
Nov.	24	" " ".....		14.85	
Dec.	6	" " ".....		55.85	
Dec.	15	" " ".....		42.50	
Dec.	22	" " ".....		36.60	
Dec.	27	" " ".....		155.63	
1918					
Jan.	3	" " ".....		139.85	
Jan.	4	" " ".....		79.75	
Jan.	11	" " ".....		168.95	
Jan.	17	" " ".....		158.22	
Jan.	23	" " ".....		4.80	
Jan.	30	" " ".....		92.75	
Feb.	7	" " ".....		56.85	
Feb.	11	" " ".....		70.28	
Feb.	25	" " ".....		48.55	
Feb.	27	" " ".....		102.25	
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				\$3,500..31	

DISBURSEMENTS

1917			Voucher No.	
Mar.	1	Clarke, Carson & MacLeod, law costs.....	63	\$ 563.35
Mar.	1	Grand Chapter of Canada, stock.....	64	11.64
Mar.	9	Underwood Typewriter Co., repairs.....	65	2.00
Mar.	9	J. D. McAra, stock.....	66	36.50
Apl.	7	J. E. Johnston, postage.....	67	15.00
Apl.	7	F. E. Osborne, stock.....	68	2.30
Apl.	7	M. M. Downey, postage, phone, express, etc.....	69	3.67
Apl.	7	F. S. Watson, Grand Z's expenses.....	70	86.20
Apl.	7	West & Brown, office books.....	71	12.15
Apl.	7	Star Printing Works, printing and stationery.....	72	36.95
Apl.	7	Oneil Cartage & Storage Co., cartage.....	73	1.00
Apl.	7	J. D. McAra, printing Proceedings.....	74	234.90
Apl.	21	Grand Chapter of Canada, Ceremonies.....	75	1.80
Apl.	21	Calgary Photo Eng. Co., cut for Constitution.....	76	3.40
Apl.	21	Star Ptg. Works, large envelopes.....	77	8.25
Apl.	21	J. E. Johnson, express charges.....	78	1.90
Apl.	21	J. E. Johnson, office desk.....	79	18.00
May	3	M. M. Downey, Honorarium.....	80	400.00

May	3	J. H. Routledge, writing Charter.....	81	8.25
May	26	Oneil Cartage & Storage Co., cartage.....	82	1.00
May	26	F. E. Osborne, office supplies.....	83	.90
May	26	J. H. Routledge, writing 2 Charters.....	84	15.00
May	26	J. E. Johnson, express charges.....	85	2.40
May	26	J. E. Johnson, postage.....	86	10.00
May	26	A. W. R. Markley, War Tax stamps.....	87	2.00
May	26	Henry T. Smith, books and exchange.....	88	80.25
July	1	J. E. Johnson, salary.....	90	150.00
July	20	Rutherford, Jamieson, Grant & Steer, law costs...	91	20.00
July	20	Lent, Jones, MacKay & Mann, law costs.....	92	175.00
July	20	F. E. Osborne, office books.....	93	4.40
July	20	J. D. McAra, Printing Constitutions.....	94	207.00
July	20	J. D. McAra, blank books and manilla sheets....	95	28.60
Aug.	13	Rutherford, Jamieson, Grant & Steer, law costs...	96	20.00
Dec.	3	Grand Chapter of Canada, book.....	97	1.75
Dec.	3	Calgary Photo Eng. Co., 3 cuts.....	98	4.50
Dec.	3	J. D. McAra, printed forms.....	99	8.50
Dec.	3	J. E. Johnson, postage.....	100	10.00
Dec.	27	E. P. Withrow, insurance premium.....	101	6.80
Dec.	27	F. E. Osborne, office supplies.....	102	1.95
Dec.	27	Short, Ross, Selwood & Co., sheriff's fees.....	103	2.00
Dec.	27	J. E. Johnson, on account salary.....	104	100.00
1918				
Feb.	11	Campbell Floral Co., floral wreath.....	105	5.00
Feb.	11	J. H. Routledge, designing Certificate.....	106	7.50
Feb.	11	Calgary Photo Eng. Co., Certificate cut.....	107	11.50
Feb.	11	J. D. McAra, printing and books.....	108	45.25
Feb.	11	F. E. Osborne, office supplies and book (loose leaf)	109	4.65
Feb.	11	J. E. Johnson, 2 long distance phones and seals...	110	1.10
Feb.	11	J. E. Johnson, balance salary.....	111	50.00
Feb.	11	Alberta Chapter, No. 1, interest on loan.....	112	41.91
Feb.	11	North Star Chapter, No. 2, interest on loan.....	113	31.36
Feb.	11	Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, interest on \$200 loan..	114	12.08
Feb.	11	Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, full payment of Note..	89	200.00
Feb.	11	Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, interest on \$1,200 Note	115	60.00
Feb.	11	Calgary Chapter, No. 11, full payment of loan and Interest.....	116	56.00
Feb.	11	Balance in Bank.....		674.65
				<hr/> \$3,500.31

Fraternally submitted,

A. W. R. MARKLEY,
Grand Treasurer.

We have audited the books and vouchers of the Grand Scribe E, and the Grand Treasurer, and find the same to have been well kept.

Attached hereto are the reports, and they are certified to be correct.

W. HERBERT A. THOMPSON
C. R. WENTZEL,

Auditors.

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, seconded by V. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, that the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Auditors be referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Ex. Grand Z, Officers and Members
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

We, your Committee on Warrants, having considered the application for warrants beg to report and recommend that warrants be granted to Banff Chapter No. 20 and Kether Chapter No. 8.

J. H. ARGUE.

W. E. LORD.

On motion of V. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thos. Rankine, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Grand Z., Officers and Companions,
Grand Chapter of Alberta R. A. M.—

Your Committee has examined the office and books of the Grand Scribe Esra and beg to submit the following statement of revenue and expenditure for the year ending February 28th, 1918:—

Ordinary Revenue

Cash in Bank March 1st, 1917.....	\$ 631.13
Outstanding Accounts Paid.....	57.27
Sale of Constitutions.....	200.50
Sale of Forms.....	16.50
Sale of Books.....	34.67
Spl. Registrations.....	21.00
Grand Chapter Certificates.....	610.00
Dispensations.....	61.00
Annual Dues.....	664.24

Total Ordinary Revenue.....	\$2296.31
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Special Revenue

Loan from Otuskwaw Chapter No. 9.....	\$1200.00
From Individual Companions.....	4.00
	\$3500.31

Expenditure

Law Costs.....	\$ 780.35
Equipment, Scribe E. Office.....	91.80
Running Expenses (sundry).....	102.52
Postage.....	37.00
Grand Z's. Expenses.....	86.20
Printing.....	441.90
Stock.....	177.74
Interest.....	151.35
Paid on Notes.....	250.00
Insurance.....	6.80
Scribe E's. Stipend, 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917.....	700.00

Total Expenditure.....	\$2825.66
Cash in Bank February 28th, 1918.....	\$ 674.65
	\$3500.31

Estimates for Ensuing Year:—

Revenue

Annual Dues.....	\$ 985.00
Certificates and Registrations.....	300.00
Books and Forms.....	250.00
Outstanding Accounts.....	100.00
Grand Chapter Donation.....	1000.00
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	\$2635.00

Expenditure

Equipment.....	\$ 35.00
Postage.....	60.00
Printing.....	400.00
Interest.....	145.00
Grand Scribe E. Stipend.....	300.00
Payment on Notes.....	1000.00
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	\$1940.00

We recommend that 800 copies of the Proceedings of this Convocation be printed, and that the tender of the Albertan Job Department for the printing of the same be accepted.

We would also recommend that the Grand Scribe E. be empowered to purchase a typewriter for the use of Grand Chapter.

We would recommend that the North Star Chapter note for \$521.20 be paid at once..

We also commend the Grand Scribe E. on the neat and careful manner in which he takes care of Grand Chapter business.

Fraternally submitted,

T. F. ENGLISH
M. M. DOWNEY
J. H. ARGUE

On motion of R. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. H. Argue, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance, be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Ex. Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

Your Committee has carefully read the reports of the Grand Superintendents, Scribe E, and Treasurer, and takes pleasure in noting the careful and painstaking manner with which these officers have performed their respective duties, thus setting a high standard for their successors.

At the last report laid before this Grand Body there were 18 Chapters and 1736 members. It is most gratifying to be able to state that there are now 20 Chapters and 1872 members, the last Chapter, Kether, having decided to enroll under the banner of Alberta, thus making us a united and happy family.

The increase in membership has been entirely satisfactory when the conditions created by the World War are taken into consideration. In the face of this unfavorable condition it is pleasant to note that 225 Brethern were exalted and 22 affiliated. In referring to Suspensions, presumably N. P. D., the number so reported this year is exceedingly great. From personal experience we believe we are correct in stating that this was caused in many instances by the uncertainty as to which Grand Chapter they owed obedience. This created a certain amount of carelessness and interest

gradually died out so that when the trouble was settled they did not feel like renewing their connection. It is to be hoped that an effort will be made to bring these Companions back to the fold.

While we have no cash surplus this year, yet speaking broadly we may say that our financial position is good and we will hope that before the next annual Convocation a large percentage of our liabilities will be wiped out. The economical manner in which the Grand Scribe E's. office is conducted confirms us in this expectation.

We are pleased to note on the very favorable manner in which the Grand Superintendents' comment on the work of the Scribes E. of the different Chapters, with only one exception. It is not necessary further to refer to this case here as it is most likely the conditions prevailing generally in this chapter will be brought to your notice at this Convocation.

Insurance

This is a matter of vital importance to each Chapter and we recommend that legislation on this point if not already on the Statute book, be enacted. Only one of the Grand Superintendents refers to it in their reports. Every Chapter should be required to carry sufficient insurance to cover the risk on all their property.

Neither the Grand Superintendents or Grand Scribe E. make any reference to benevolence and it may be presumed from this that none was granted by the private Chapters. This matter may have been overlooked, but we think that some method of referring to it should be made as it is as a matter of fact practised by many of the Chapters and would recommend that each Chapter establish a fund for this purpose.

Work

The different Grand Superintendents refer with a great deal of satisfaction to the manner in which the different degrees are conferred in the Chapters, but none of them make any reference to the variations in conducting the floor work. These variations are perhaps not vital, but destroy the uniformity, and uniformity is most desirable. In this connection, if we may be permitted, we would like to offer a recommendation, that is; that the Grand Lecturer be authorized to instruct the Grand Superintendents as to the work and that these instructions be communicated by them to the different Chapters and *carried out*.

While there have been several Chapters of Instruction there should have been more—and we trust that during the coming year there will be an improvement in this direction. The Grand Superintendents are to be congratulated on having held so many as they did, but as said before, there should be more during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. RANKIN,

Chairman.

On motion of M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, seconded by M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs to report that no business has come before your Committee for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. CAMERON,

Chairman.

On motion of R. E. Comp. D. R. Cameron, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals begs to submit the following report:—

In the matter of the protest from Tau Cross Chapter No. 16, regarding the reception of the applications of three Parkland Brethern, we would recommend that Bekah Chapter pay to Golden West Chapter the net fees of these Brethern, but that Bekah Chapter be allowed to retain these three Companions as members, on account of the fact that at the time of the reception of these petitions Tau Cross Chapter was not in this Grand Jurisdiction, and that these Brethern at that time resided in the Jurisdiction of Golden West Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

M. M. DOWNEY,
Chairman

On motion of R. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Comp. A. R. Dickson, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal and Officers
and Members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Most Ex. Sir:—

Believing that it would be in the interests of Capitular Masonry, in this Grand Chapter, and for the better working in the Private Chapters in this Jurisdiction, and for the purpose of securing a greater degree of uniformity regarding the work, I respectfully recommend that the work now authorized by the Grand Chapter of Canada, as at this date, be adopted by this Grand Body, the Working Tools of the M. M. Degree, being excepted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. ARGUE,
Grand Lecturer.

On motion of R. E. Comp. D. R. Cameron, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. E. Lord, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Grand Lecturer be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Your Committee recommends that the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) be placed at the disposal of the Committee on Benevolence of Grand Chapter.

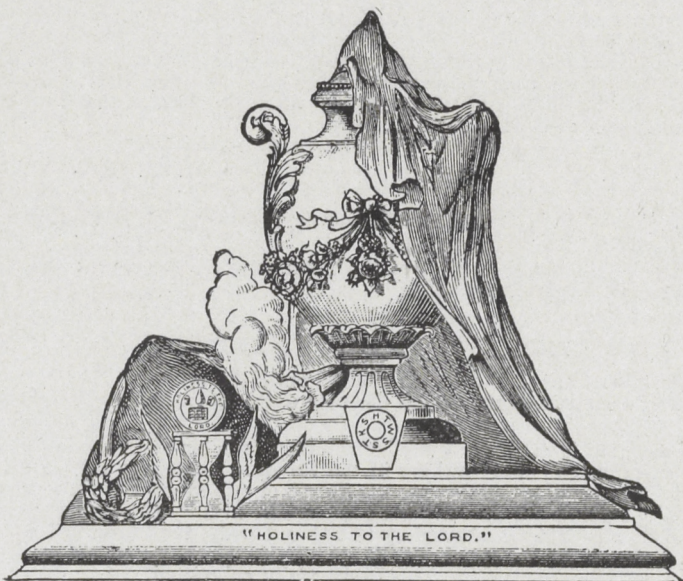
We heartily commend the action of some of the Chapters in remitting the dues of their members who are in Military Service.

Fraternally submitted,

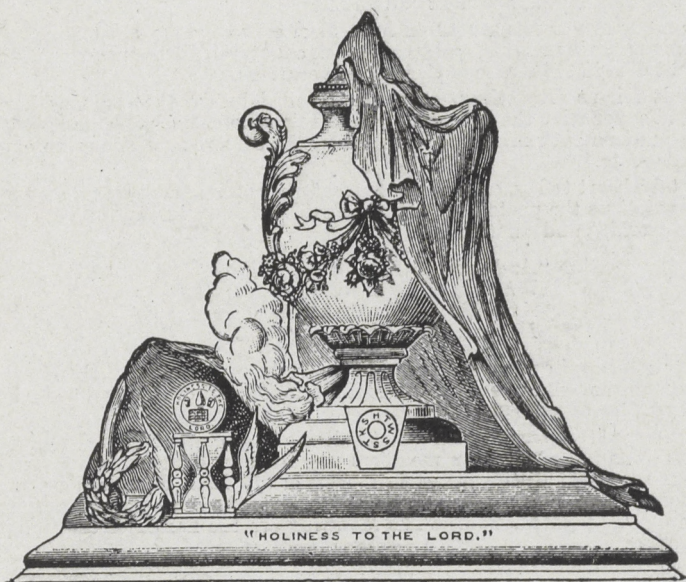
WM. THOMPSON,
Chairman.

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. H. Argue, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.



In Memory
of the
DECEASED COMPANIONS
OF SISTER JURISDICTIONS
For the Year
1917



In Memory
of the
COMPANIONS OF OUR OWN
JURISDICTION
For the Year
1917

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal
and Members of the Grand Chapter R. A. M., of Alberta:

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead, beg leave to report as follows:

Since our last Convocation the Royal Craft in America has lost 28 Companions of high standing in their various jurisdictions.

From our own ranks seventeen have been called by the Most High, of which number nine were in uniform, and serving their country's call "Somewhere in France," while eight died in the course of their usual vocations.

Words fail us altogether; we stand appalled before the ordinary harvest of death, and suffer with the bereaved; but in this time of unspeakable losses, and of crushing burdens both material, and mental, the soul of man knows no expression that is adequate.

We take heart today, only when we meet somewhere and soaway, an expression of the convictions the poets had, when one said:—"God's in His Heaven, all's right with the world," and another said:

*"And hear at times, a sentinel
Who walks about from place to place,
And whispers to the world of space
In the deep night, that 'all is well'."*

All is well in spite of all evidences to the contrary. Out of the loss, and suffering, and divisions will come a greater and stronger bond of Brotherhood—the ideal of Masonry.

Your committee recommends, that suitable pages of our annual report be devoted to the names of our own members who have paid the supreme sacrifice for us; to the names of distinguished Companions of Sister Jurisdictions, and last, but not least, to the names of our own Companions who have passed away from our ranks, in our own jurisdiction. The following are the names of the Companions killed in action:

Alexander Moir.....	Killed in Action.....	Otuskwan Chapter No. 9
Archibald Howard Spurr.....	Killed in Action.....	Bow Valley " No. 10
H. E. Graham.....	Killed in Action.....	Keystone " No. 12
George P. O. Fenwick.....	Died of Wounds.....	Capital City " No. 13
William B. Robertson.....	Died of Wounds.....	Capital City " No. 13
Arthur J. Laternell.....	Died of Wounds.....	Capital City " No. 13
R. E. Drader.....	Killed in Action.....	Capital City " No. 13
Andrew R. Mercer.....	Died of Wounds.....	Capital City " No. 13
E. R. Welburne.....	Killed in Action.....	North Star " No. 2

We cannot better express our feelings, in this connection, than by quoting the words delivered by Abraham Lincoln, the great Emancipator:

"We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men living, and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they, who fought here, have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honoured dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolve, that these dead shall not have died in vain."

Those who have answered the call at home:

John Alvin McLennan.....	March 14th, 1917.....	North Star Chapter	No. 2
John Cooil.....		Assiniboia	" No. 3
Peter J. M. Wosling.....	January 24th, 1917.....	Shekinah	" No. 4
W. W. Milburn, M.D.....	May 26th, 1917.....	Bekah	" No. 7
Robert C. Bruce.....	April 1st, 1917.....	Otuskwan	" No. 9
H. F. Harris.....	June 3rd, 1917.....	Otuskwan	" No. 9
John McRobbie.....	December 28th, 1917.....	Otuskwan	" No. 9
Chas. W. Wright.....	October 21st, 1917.....	Keystone	" No. 12

Those from Sister Jurisdictions who have received the summons:

Alabama.....	Francis Harwood Bates, P.G.H.P.....	Died Feb.	26th, 1917
Arkansas.....	Robert Liddell, P.G.H.P.....	" Feb.	3rd, 1917
California.....	Charles Joseph Willett, P.G.H.P.....	" April	6th, 1917
".....	Henry Ashcroft, Grand Lecturer.....	" June	8th, 1917
".....	John Thomas Shurtleff, Grand Chaplain.....	" July	10th, 1917
Colorado.....	James Hamilton Peabody, P.G.H.P.....	" Nov.	23rd, 1917
".....	Geotge D. Kennedy, P.G.H.P.....	" Jan.	26th, 1918
Connecticut.....	Wesley U. Pearne, P.G.H.P.....	" July	5th, 1917
".....	Henry W. Coye, P.G.H.P.....	" Nov.	27th, 1917
".....	James Harding George, Grand King.....	" Jan.	18th, 1917
".....	James McCormick, Grand Secretary.....	" June	24th, 1917
Florida.....	James Carnell, Grand H.P.....	" June	17th, 1917
Illinois.....	Robert L. McKinley, P.G.H.P.....	" Jan.	23rd, 1917
Kansas.....	Beston Gaston Brown, P. G. H. P.,		
".....	General G. Scribe.....	" July	10th, 1917
".....	Charles Henry Chandler, P. G. Scribe.....	" Dec.	18th, 1917
Kentucky.....	James W. Hopper, P.G.H.P.....	" May	8th, 1917
Massachusetts.....	J. Gilman Waite, Grand Secretary.....	" June	22nd, 1917
Michigan.....	Theron Francis Giddings, P.G.H.P.....	" Jan.	15th, 1917
Mississippi.....	John Silas Brooks, P.G.H.P.....	" Mar.	17th, 1917
Minnesota.....	Ebenezer E. Corliss, P.G.H.P.....	" July	21st, 1917
Nebraska.....	Charles M. Kaley, P.G.H.P.....	" Jan.	6th, 1917
Nevada.....	William McMillan, Dep. G.H.P.....	" July	21st, 1917
Nova Scotia.....	William Marshall Black, P.G.H.P.....	" May	9th, 1917
North Carolina.....	John Nichols, P.G.H.P.....	" Sept.	28th, 1917
Ohio.....	William E. Evans, P.G.H.P.....	" March	4th, 1917
Oklahoma.....	Lee Edmund Bennett, Grand Secretary.....	" May	28th, 1917
South Dakota.....	Park Davis, P.G.H.P.....	" Aug.	20th, 1917
Virginia.....	William James Hubbard, P.G.H.P.....	" April	20th, 1917

Fraternally submitted,

T. C. BRUCE,

Chairman of Committee.

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, seconded by R. E. Comp. A. W. R. Markley, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE *re* MOUNT OLIVET CHAPTER No. 17

To the Most Excellent Grand Z, Officers and Companions:

Your Committee appointed to consider the condition, and action to be taken, with regard to Mount Olivet Chapter No. 17, located at Killam, begs to recommend that the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Grand Superintendent of the First Masonic District, visit this Chapter at an early date and take such action as they may deem wise.

Fraternally submitted,

A. R. DICKSON, *Chairman*.

M. M. DOWNEY

S. Y. TAYLOR

On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by R. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Special Committee *re* Mount Olivet Chapter, be received and adopted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by R. E. Comp. A. R. Dickson, it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand Scribe E. be authorized to purchase suitable regalia for the use of the Grand Second and Grand Third Principals of this Grand Chapter.

On motion of V. E. Comp. W. T. Coote, seconded by E. Comp. G. Campbell, it was

RESOLVED, That the M. E. Grand Z. appoint a committee of three to prepare standard By-Laws for use of the Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Most Ex. Grand Z. appointed R. E. Comps. F. S. Selwood, J. H. Argue and J. E. Johnson a committee to compile By-Laws under the foregoing resolution.

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. H. Argue, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand Scribe E. be instructed to provide the necessary forms to be supplied to the different Chapters, thereby securing uniformity in every Chapter in the Jurisdiction, as regards forms.

On motion of R. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, it was

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be extended to the ladies of Occidental Chapter No. 12 O. E. S., and to Golden West Chapter No. 5, G.R.A., for the splendid hospitality extended to this Grand Chapter, during this Convocation.

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. H. Argue, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand Scribe E. procure photographs of the Past Grand Z's. of this Grand Chapter, so that a photographic record may be kept.

On motion of R. E. Comp. A. W. R. Markley, seconded by Ex. Comp. C. R. Wentzel, it was

RESOLVED, That a grant of ten dollars (\$10.00) be made to Comp. Thos. Baird, Grand Janitor, for services rendered during this Convocation.

NOTICES OF MOTION

By V. E. Comp. W. T. Coote:

That Clause No. 10 of the Constitution be amended to read that "none but Past First Principals or sitting First Principals shall be eligible for any office in this Grand Chapter, except the office of Grand Janitor, which may be filled by any Royal Arch Companion."

By R. E. Comp. N. T. Macleod:

"That a re-arrangement of the boundaries of the territory of each Chapter in this Jurisdiction be made, having in view the convenience of the Companions adjacent thereto."

At this time, M. E. Comp. Robt. Patterson, Grand Z., presented Kether Chapter No. 8 with a Grand Chapter Warrant. Ex. Comp. H. A. Gunn, on behalf of Kether Chapter, expressed the appreciation of the Companions of his Chapter at being received into the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. Officers and Companions,
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence beg leave to report that no communication relative to our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions has been submitted for consideration.

Several Grand Chapters granted us fraternal recognition prior to the amicable settlement between our Mother Grand Chapter and ourselves and subsequent to that date we have been almost daily receiving intimation that some Grand Chapter has welcomed us into the charmed circle and wished us God-speed. We are now a united and harmonious organization with an exceedingly bright outlook for the future, and hope that before our next annual Convocation we will have entered into Fraternal relations with all the Grand Chapters of the World.

We have prepared a brief review of the Proceedings of the various Grand Chapters which have come to hand, touching only on the outstanding events which we thought would be of special interest to our own Companions and have omitted reference to any particular Grand Chapter except insofar as it bore upon the topic under discussion. Thus we hope to give the Companions of this Grand Chapter an indication of what is transpiring in other Grand Chapters at a minimum of expense to this Grand Body.

We submit herewith this review and request that the same be printed in the Annual Proceedings as an Appendix thereto.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR.

Chairman of Committee.

Copies of Proceedings from the following Grand Chapters have been received and reviewed:—

Arizona	Ireland	Nova Scotia	South Dakota
Arkansas, 1916	Iowa	N.S. Wales, '16-'17	South Carolina
Canada	Indiana	New Hampshire	Tennessee
California	Kansas	New Mexico	Utah
Connecticut	Louisiana	Nebraska	Victoria
Colorado	Missouri	Nevada	Vermont
Dist. of Columbia	Michigan	North Dakota	Rhode Island, 1916
Delaware	Maine	North Carolina	Washington
Florida	New Zealand	Oklahoma	Wisconsin
Georgia	New York	Ohio	Wyoming

On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by R. E. Comp. A. W. R. Markley; it was

RÉSOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND Z's. ADDRESS

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions,
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

Your Committee begs to report that they have read with much pleasure the very encouraging address presented by the M. E. the First Grand Principal, and desire to commend the zeal displayed by him in the discharge of his official duties. His presence and words of counsel have we feel assured, done much to strengthen and unify the cause of Capitular Masonry in this Province.

We congratulate him upon the harmony and fraternal spirit which is everywhere present and upon the happy relations which now exist between the Grand Chapter of Canada and this Grand Chapter.

While our numerical strength, owing to the great world-wide war, has not increased to the extent it would otherwise have been, yet the growth is very encouraging, and the caution given against the advancement of unworthy candidates should be borne in mind by all our Chapter.

We concur in the decisions made by our Grand Z. and recommend that the same be ratified by this Grand Chapter.

We join with him in expressing our extreme pleasure and satisfaction in having added to our list a large number of Grand Representatives appointed on the recommendation of the Grand First Principals of our Sister Jurisdictions, and in conclusion, desire to assure our Grand Z. of our hearty appreciation of his untiring efforts and satisfactory termination of his tenure of office.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR.
J. N. RANKIN.

On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z's. address be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Most Excellent the Grand Z. appointed M. E. Comps. S. Y. Taylor, J. N. Rankin and F. S. Watson as Scrutineers of the ballot.

The election of Grand Officers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:

M. E. Comp. Andrew R. Dickson.....	Grand Z.
R. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey.....	Grand H.
R. E. Comp. Norman T. Macleod.....	Grand J.
R. E. Comp. John E. Johnson.....	Grand Scribe E.
R. E. Comp. Peter J. Dewie.....	Grand Scribe N.
R. E. Comp. Arthur W. R. Markley.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. E. Comp. William T. Coote.....	Grand Principal Sojourner
R. E. Comp. Dougald W. McMillan.....	Grand Registrar

Grand Superintendents

Grand Chapter was then called off to enable the Districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

On Grand Chapter resuming labour, the following nominations were submitted to the M. E. the Grand Z., who was pleased to approve in each case, and the selections were confirmed:

R. E. Comp. J. A. Neff.....	Edmonton.....	District No. 1
R. E. Comp. Fred S. Selwood.....	Calgary.....	District No. 2
R. E. Comp. John F. Casteel.....	High River.....	District No. 3

Executive Committee

The following Companions for the term of two years:

R. E. Comps. Joseph H. Argue, W. E. Lord, Daniel R. Cameron, and V. E. Comp. Elliott.

The following Companions for the term of one year:

R. E. Comps. Harry H. Gould, and H. E. Beddingfield, V. E. Comps. Walter E. Mercer, and George Campbell.

Next Place of Meeting

The Cities of Red Deer, Banff, Medicine Hat and Calgary having been nominated for the next Annual Convocation on the 12th day of March, 1919, and being put to the ballot, the result showed that Red Deer had received the greater number of votes, and that City was declared to be the choice of the Grand Chapter.

Officers Installed

M. E. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor, assisted by M. E. Comps. James N. Rankin and Fred S. Watson, and R. E. Comp. Fred S. Selwood, then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected Officers of Grand Chapter, who were then proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

Appointments to Office

The following appointments by the Most Excellent Grand Z. were subsequently announced:

ASSISTANT OFFICERS

V. E. Comp. Jesse Elliott.....	Grand Senior Sojourner
V. E. Comp. J. A. R. Powell.....	Grand Junior Sojourner
R. E. Comp. J. H. Argue.....	Grand Lecturer
V. E. Comp. R. D. Robertson.....	Grand Sword Bearer
V. E. Comp. J. Dan McDonald.....	Grand Master 1st Veil
V. E. Comp. D. Thompson.....	Grand Master 2nd Veil
V. E. Comp. H. B. Jamieson.....	Grand Master 3rd Veil
V. E. Comp. A. W. Rosborough.....	Grand Master 4th Veil
V. E. Comp. George Simpson.....	Grand Director of Ceremonies
Comp. F. B. Cooper.....	Grand Organist
V. E. Comp. George Campbell.....	Grand Pursuivant
V. E. Comp. F. S. Macpherson.....	Grand Steward
V. E. Comp. A. Hayr.....	Grand Steward
V. E. Comp. R. C. MacDonald.....	Grand Steward
V. E. Comp. S. M. Fraser.....	Grand Steward
Comp. Wm. Burns.....	Grand Janitor

The labors of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM, at 6 p.m.



Grand Scribe E.

OUR BRETHREN AT THE FRONT

God of our Fathers, at whose call,
 We now before Thy footsteps fall;
 Whose grace can make our Order strong,
 Through love of right and hate of wrong
 We pray Thee in Thy pity shield
 Our Brethren on the battlefield.

Asleep, beneath Thine ample dome,
 With many a tender dream of home;
 Or charging, in the dust and glare,
 With bullets hurtling through the air,
 We pray Thee in Thy pity shield
 Our Brethren on the battlefield.

O soon, Thou Blessed Prince of Peace,
 Bring in the days when War shall cease,
 And men and brothers shall unite
 To fill the world with love and light,
 We pray Thee in Thy pity shield
 Our Brethren on the battlefield.

—London *Freemason*.

Honor Roll

List of Members who have Enlisted for Overseas Service

Albert Chapter No. 1

Armstrong, W. G. G., 31st, Lt.-Col.	MacDonald, Geo., 15thn L.H., Lt.-Col.
Auger, Albert Raymond, Forrestry, Capt	Commandant District No. 13.
Atkin, G. McL., A.M.C., Major	Moore, P. A., 15th L. H., Major.
Armstrong, Jno. M., A.S.C., Private	Manson, J. R., A.S.C., Private
Bowes, V.A., Draft, Lieut.	Morley, H. F., Engineers.
Birch, Jno. H., A.M.C., Lieut.	Medley, Clarence, A.S.C., Lieut.
Bateman, C. A., 31st, Lieut. killed in act.	Moxam Jno., 31st, Lieut.
Connors, A. D., A.S.C., Capt., killed in action	MacLeod, Murdo S., Sergt.
Crowther, Theo. P., Navy, Mechanic	Niblock, D. B., 31st, Capt.
Catherine, A. H.	O'Sullivan, R. B., A.M.C., Lieut.
Cooper, F. B., 31st, Capt.	Peacock, J. R., 15th L. H., Sgt.
Davis, G. J., A.S.C., Lieut.	Piper, W. W., 31st, Lieut.
Duff, Jas., Engineers, Capt.	Pearson, Robt., 50th, Lieut.
Duff, S. M., A.S.C., Private	Roach, H. R.
Darley, R. S., A.S.C., Sgt.	Robie, H. J., 31st, Major.
Farren, E., Forrestry, Lieut.	Ritchie, J. B. H., 31st, Private,
Gray, Saml., Sgt.	Killed in action
Garriock, D., Engrs., Private	Stevens, R. J. C., A.M.C., Sgt.
Garrett, Clayton S., Lieut.	Stewart, Reg., 31st, Cqpt.
Heeney, Thos., Engrs., Sgt.	Splane, H. M., 31st, Major, killed in action
Johnson, Geo. R., A.M.C., Capt.	Spurr, A. H., Killed in action
Lougheed, Clarence, A.S.C., Capt.	Seaton, W. F., 31st, Lieut.
	Thom, E. C., Artillery, Lieut.
	Killed in action
	Walker, Jas., Forrestry, Major.

North Star Chapter No. 2

Bateman, E. W., Private	McLeod, Geo. B., Lieut.-Col.
Benson, L. R., Private.	McNally, P. R., Private
Brown, W. H., A.M.C., private	Nelson, T. W., Private
Carter, W. A., Lance Corp.	Norcott, J., Private
Cook, J., Private	Osborne, F. A., Lieut.-Col.
Duff, H. C., Lieut.	Powley, A. B., Lieut.-Col.
Evans, E., Private	Parson, H., Private
Gray, Wm., Private	South, H., Private
Inglis, W. C., Private	Smith, T. C., Private
Hinson, A., Private	Stowe, W. S., Private
Jamieson, A. E., M.D.	Saunders, B. J., Private
Lally, C. T., Captain	Tipton, J. W., Private
Munroe, A. R., M.D.	Welbourne, E. R., Killed in action.
	White, T. E., Private

Assiniboia Chapter No. 3

Baker, Herbertt, Capt.	Beeton, Oswald, Private
Bruce, James, Capt.	Grace, Laurance T., Private
Gleaves, Arthur W., Lieut.	Peard, John L., Sgt.
Ireland, Henry W., Capt.	Robson, Norman L., Private
Kerr, Charles, Capt., A.M.C.	Simmonds, William R., Private
Krauss, Charles A., Capt.	(Prisoner in Germany)
Macdonald, Wm. H. Capt. C.A.M.C.	Stone, Percy D., Private
Nicholson, Alfred J., Lieut.	Wilson, James D., Private
Williams, William H., Capt.	Ware, Deighton R., Private

Shekinah Chapter No. 4

Bliss, A. J.
 Bailey, Wm.
 Bell, J. H.
 Cherry, H. T., Major
 Fairbrother, R. A.,
 Gibson, Chris., Capt.
 Kemmis, A. C., Lt.-Col.
 Leech, G. W., M.D., Capt.
 Lindsay, Robt.
 Lilburn, H. K.

Moorhead, Henry
 McKenzie, E. C., Capt.
 McKillop, Donald
 McNally, Alfred, M.D.
 Scott, Wm.
 Smith, W. H.
 Rothwell, J. T.
 Courtice, O. J.
 Shoultz, J. E.

Golden West Chapter No. 5

Carson, G. McM., C.A.M.C., Capt.
 Francis, Austin, C.A.M.C., Sergeant
 Green, R. L., 31st, Lance Corpl.
 Wounded

Holmes, W. E. M., 3rd Batt., Lance-
 Corp.
 Ramsey, T. W., 5th Batt., Corpl.
 White, A. W., C.R.O., Sergeant.

Mount Horeb Chapter No. 6

Millar, H. I., Major. Has returned
 to Canada
 Hoare, H. G., Capt. In Dental Corps.
 Has returned to Canada
 Darlow, G. H., Alix, Alberta
 Dixon, Wm. (Dr.) R.A.M.C. Has
 returned to Canada

Forsythe, A. R., Killam, Alberta
 Gaunt, Robert, Wainwright, Alta.
 Lyon, G. R. D., Stettler, Alberta.
 McLeod, Rev. K. C., Capt.
 Williamson, E. T., Sergt., wounded.
 McDonald, A. B., Hughenden, Alberta
 Wells, Harry J., Prisoner-of-War.

Bekah Chapter No. 7

Bruce, T. C., Dental Corps, Major
 Lambert, J. L., 13th C.M.R., Capt.
 Lawson, S. O., 13th C.M.R., Private
 Graham, I. G., 50th Batt., Major
 Donisthorpe, H., Flying Corps, Capt.
 McRae, F., Flying Corps.
 Matthew, L. G., 13th C.M.R., Capt.

Moorhead, W. J., 13th C.M.R., Lieyt.
 Hodnett, H. R., Rly. Con. Corps, Pte.
 Murray, T. A., 13th C.M.R., Lieut.
 Grier, R. B., Transport, Corporal.
 Bowser, H. S., Engineers, Pte.
 Simmons, B. C., 13th C.M.R., Lieut.
 Morley, H. F., 3rd C.M.R., Trooper

Otuskwam Chapter No. 9

Hislop, W. J., Private
 Long, H. B., Private
 Moir, Alex., Private, killed in action
 Sage, W. M., Lt.-Col.

Shaw, J. T., Lieut.
 West, T. N., Capt.
 Wheatler, J., Private, wounded
 Walker, James, Lt.-Col.

Bow Valley Chapter No. 10

Anderson, C. E.
 Coates, W. H.
 Denley, W. E.
 Dawson, S. R.
 Harmer, H.

McKelvie, R.
 Spurr, A. H., killed in action
 Smith, E. R.
 Tennant, A. K.
 Woods, Henry

Calgary Chapter No. 11

Davis, Geo. J., Lieut.
 Bowes, Victor A., Lieut.
 Young, William
 Philps, E. T. H., Sapper
 Purnell, Geo. E.
 MacDonald, A. F., Lieut. Shell shock.

Notley, George
 Johnson, H. H. (Dr.) Capt.
 Ellis, Leon M.
 Leng, Wwyn L.
 Hartshorn, Geo. E., Corp. wounded.
 Christie, N. A. (Dr.) Capt.

Keystone Chapter No. 12

Bell, J. F., Private
Botterill, W. J., Private
Gibson, A. R., Lieut.
Hyde, W. J., Private
Mann, J. I., Sergt.
Sanders, C. W. (M.D.) Capt.

Snell, H. J., Sergt.
McGregor, J. G., Private
Shields, W. A., Lieut.
McKenzie, W. J. (M.D.) Capt.
Graham, H. E., Pte. Killed in action

Capital City Chapter No. 13

Bateman, J. T., Artillery, Gunner.
Bowden, A. G., 194th, Qr.-Sergt.,
Edmonton Highlanders
Brownlee, W. R., 49th, Pte. Ed. Regt.
Christie, H. F., 11th Field Co. C.E.
Clarke, R. D.
Cope, E. H., 66th Ed. Regt.
Coulter, L. B.
Drader, R. E., 49th, Pte., Ed. Regt.
Killed
Duncan, G. H., 60th, Gunner Batt.
Artillery
Duncan, E. G.
Fenwick, G.P.O., Lieut., Killed in action
Hill, Walter, 38th, Corpl., Ed. Regt.
Johnson, W. R., 309 Amm'n. Co.
American Army
Latornell, A. J., Capt., Died of wounds
Livesey, Edward, 49th, Lieut., Ed. Regt.
Low, Jas. D., Private
Mullen, Chas. D., Corpl., Signal Corps

McDonnell, G. L., P.P.C.L.I., Sgt.-Mjr.
Robertson, W. M. B., Pte., Died of
wounds
Robertson, Jas. A., 18th Forrestry
Patterson, S. F., 8th Can. Infy. Batt.
Lieut.
Sheffield, G. A., Filed Artillery,
Bomb'dr Impl. Army
Steen, Alex., A.M.C., Sergt.
Scott, R. H., 31st Batt. Private
Taylor, Henry, 63rd Batt., Private
Edm. Regt.
Taylor, Francis, 63rd Batt., Private
Ed. Regt.
Wilson, Henry, 138th Batt., Private
Edm. Regt.
Wright, Arthur, 138th Batt., Private
Edm. Regt.
Wright, C. E. (Dr.) A.M.C.
Wells, H. J., 51st Batt., Edm. Regt.
Mercer, And. R., Lieut., Died of wounds

Vermilion Chapter No. 14

Brimacombe, M. A. 151st, Sergt.
Long, Frank, 151st, Instructor

Pilkie, A. E., 151st, Sergt.
Selkirk, Jno., Bandsman.

Hillvue Chapter No. 15

Donkin, R. E., 192nd, Lieut.
Minue, G. B., 78th Battery, Private

Verge, J. W., 192nd, Captain.

Tau Cross Chapter No. 16

James, Chas. W., 13th C.M.R., Major
Wounded

Lyndon, William A., 13th C.M.R.,
Major

Norwood Chapter No. 18

Aldridge, A. G., Sergt., Discharged
Cope, E. H., Capatin.
Davis, R.
Grills, S., A.M.C.

Harvey, F. R. (M.D.) Capt.
Hill, Walter, 138th Batt.
Kennedy, W. V., Wounded

The Hiram Chapter No. 19

Trumiver, E., Private U. S. Army in France.

Banff Chapter No. 20

Atkin, G. M., Captain, A.M.C.

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Alabama.....	December.....	Geo. A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery
Arizona.....	November.....	Geo. J. Roskruege.....	Tucson
Arkansas.....	November.....	John C. Bone.....	Batesville
California.....	April.....	Thomas A. Davies.....	San Francisco
Canada.....	February.....	Henry T. Smith.....	Toronto
Colorado.....	September.....	Chas. H. Jacobson.....	Denver
Connecticut.....	May.....	Geo. A. Kies.....	Hartford
Delaware.....	January.....	Stuart J. Horn.....	Wilmington
District Columbia.....	February.....	Arvine W. Johnston.....	Washington
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Florida.....	May.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville
Georgia.....	April.....	E. A. McHam.....	Macon
Idaho.....	June.....	Lewis W. Ensign.....	Boise
Illinois.....	October.....	Geo. W. Warvelle.....	Chicago
Indiana.....	October.....	Calvin W. Prather.....	Indianapolis
Ireland.....		H. E. Flavelle.....	Dublin
Iowa.....	July.....	O. F. Graves.....	Harlan
Kansas.....	February.....	Albert K. Wilson.....	Topeka
Kentucky.....	October.....	G. Allison Holland.....	Lexington
Louisiana.....	February.....	John A. Davilla.....	New Orleans
Maine.....	May.....	Chas. B. Davis.....	Portland
Maryland.....	November.....	John H. Miller.....	Baltimore
Massachusetts.....	December.....	Frederick T. Comee.....	Boston
Michigan.....	January.....	Chas. A. Conover.....	Coldwater
Minnesota.....	October.....	John Fiskel.....	St. Paul
Mississippi.....	February.....	Frederick G. Speed.....	Vicksburg
Missouri.....	April.....	Robert F. Stevenson.....	St. Louis
Montana.....	September.....	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena
Nebraska.....	December.....	Francis E. White.....	Omaha
Nevada.....	June.....	Edward D. Vanderlieth.....	Carson City
New Brunswick.....	August.....	J. Twining Hartt.....	St. John
New Hampshire.....	May.....	Harry M. Cheney.....	Concord
New Jersey.....	May.....	Peter McGill.....	Bound Brook
New Mexico.....	October.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque
N. S. Wales.....	November.....	Alf. J. Burbridge.....	Sydney
New York.....	February.....	Chas. C. Hunt.....	New York City
New Zealand.....	February.....	Herbert J. Williams.....	Wellington
North Carolina.....	June.....	John B. Griggs.....	Elizabeth City
North Dakota.....	June.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo
Nova Scotia.....	June.....	S. J. Waddell.....	Truro
Ohio.....	October.....	Edwin Hagenbuch.....	Urbana
Oklahoma.....	April.....	Jas. A. Scott.....	Muskogee
Oregon.....	June.....	James F. Robinson.....	Portland
Pennsylvania.....	December.....	Geo. B. Wells.....	Philadelphia
Quebec.....	March.....	Wm. M. Couper.....	Montreal
Rhode Island.....	March.....	William R. Greene.....	Providence
Scotland.....	March.....	Alfred A. A. Murray.....	Edinburgh
South Carolina.....	February.....	O. Frank Hart.....	Columbia
South Dakota.....	June.....	George A. Pettigrew.....	Sioux Falls
Tennessee.....	January.....	Stith M. Cain.....	Nashville
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Vermont.....	June.....	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington
Victoria.....	October.....	G. Lyell Marquand.....	Melbourne
Virginia.....	November.....	James B. Blanks.....	Petersburg
Washington.....	June.....	Yancey C. Blalock.....	Walla Walla
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West Virginia.....	November.....	D. K. Reed.....	Clarksburg
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Colorado.....	T. C. Bruce.....	Macleod
Connecticut.....	H. H. Gould.....	High River
Delaware.....	George Hayward.....	Vermilion
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Kansas.....	H. C. Taylor.....	Edmonton
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Kentucky.....	Samuel K. Veach.....	Carlisle
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Missouri.....	William K. Davis.....	West Plains
Nebraska.....	Frank N. Stephenson.....	Columbus
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New York.....	Chas. F. Sherman.....	Mt. Vernon
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The next annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter will be held in the City of Red Deer on the Second Wednesday in March, being the 12th day of March, 1919.

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Appendix

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE

By S. Y. Taylor, P.G.Z.

Following the course now adopted by several Grand Chapters, we have compiled in brief form what we considered to be some of the most important topics under discussion in Capitular Masonry in other Grand Jurisdictions. While the established method so long in use in many Jurisdictions is much more complete and touches upon more subjects, yet for the sake of economy and brevity we have adopted this plan for the present. We have not attempted to discuss or give in our own words an outline of these topics and events but have deemed it wise to give in the writers' own language his arguments on the question under discussion, and earnestly hope that the Companions of Alberta will read carefully the information submitted.

To my Companions of the Guild let me say that we regret that we cannot spend the time and space to visit you personally through this medium. We have enjoyed your interesting reports and hope to know you better in future years.

The Grand Chapter of Scotland

This Grand Chapter is evidently not prepared to recognize the right of other Grand Chapters to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over the territory occupied by them as the following will indicate:

Resolution passed by the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, 13th May, 1914: "Whereas, the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland has recognized the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales as a regularly constituted Grand Royal Arch Body, but in spite of repeated requests, refuses to recognize it as the SOLE Sovereign Grand Royal Arch Body in New South Wales, and claims equal sovereign rights with it, and continues to invade its jurisdiction by establishing Subordinate Chapters within the territory occupied by it; Now It Is Hereby Resolved and Declared that the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales renounces all fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and forbids all Masonic intercourse between members of Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales and members of Chapters holding under the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, until such time as the said Grand Body shall cease to so invade the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales, and shall recognize the said Grand Chapter as the sole Sovereign Body having the right to establish Subordinate Chapters within the confines of the territory of New South Wales."—*Adopted.*

The following resolution was passed by the Grand Chapter of Indiana at its 1916 Convocation:

"As a constituent of the General Grand Chapter, it is fitting that this Grand Chapter endorse the action had by the General Grand Chapter at its Triennial at San Francisco, and your Committee on Correspondence recommends that fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland be severed and all Capitular Masonic intercourse with Chapters and Companions under its obedience be forbidden, until such time as they recognize the sovereignty and jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States over the territory in question, viz: the Philippine Islands, and also take proper steps to rectify the wrong they have done in invading its territory; and that our Grand Secretary be directed to notify the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland of our action in the premises."

We quote also the following as it gives our readers not only intimation of the action taken by the Grand Chapter of England against the Companions of alien birth, but also an outline of what the General Grand Chapter of the United States is meant to be:—

"The terrible conflict in Europe has caused the Grand Chapter of England, in harmony with an act of the Grand Lodge, to unanimously vote "that all Companions

of German, Austrian, Hungarian or Turkish birth be required to abstain from attendance at any Chapter meeting of any character during the continuance of the war.

The invasion of the jurisdiction of our Grand Chapter by the Grand Chapter of Scotland, in constituting a Chapter in the Phillippine Islands, is of serious importance in its bearing on the American claim of exclusive jurisdiction and caused the General Grand Chapter, at its thirty-sixth Triennial Convocation, to sever fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and several Grand Chapters have manifested their support of the General Grand Body by taking the same action.

The General Grand Chapter is considered by many Companions the supreme authority in Capitular Masonry in the United States. In my review of the Triennial Convocation of that Body I quote from the General Grand Constitution showing that no authority whatsoever is claimed by it over a Grand Chapter. It has authority and disciplinary powers only over Chapters in its immediate jurisdiction, where there is no Grand Chapter. The State Grand Chapters are supreme within their own jurisdiction. They make and repeal their own laws, adopt and change their rituals, and there is no appeal from their decisions. The Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia and Texas are not constituents of the General Grand Chapter and there is no power that can force membership upon them, yet their standing in the Capitular world and the validity of their acts are unquestioned. The General Grand Chapter has adopted a ritual but can insist on its use only in its own subordinate Chapters. Adoption by a Grand Chapter is entirely subject to its own will, yet the ritual is a most important part of Capitular Masonry and ritualistic uniformity in the several Grand Chapters is certainly desirable. That, however, never will be attained through the General Grand Chapter ritual so long as it is exposed to constant changes. At the last Triennial of the General Grand Chapter, one Grand Chapter presented a memorial asking for one hundred and forty-five changes in the ritual and the General Grand Body voted to have the entire ritual revised and rewritten.

"Some Companions, occupying exalted positions, claim that the General Grand High Priest has the power to enter a Grand Chapter and demand the gavel and the right to preside over the Grand Chapter, but the General Grand Chapter Constitution distinctly disclaims any authority over a State Grand Chapter. No Grand High Priest would omit the tender of the gavel and an invitation to assume the East of his Grand Chapter to a visiting General Grand High Priest, but it is an act of courtesy only and cannot legally be demanded by that officer as an inherent right."

The following indicates the attitude of the Grand Chapter of Texas towards the General Grand Chapter:—

"We, the undersigned, members of the Committee appointed in 1912, to consider the matter of 'relations with the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America,' would report:

"It gives us pleasure to have had the opportunity of extending our hospitalities to the distinguished guests, now visiting us, as the Representatives of the General Grand Chapter. We fully appreciate and reciprocate the good wishes extended by them to our Royal Craft.

"After having carefully considered the subject matter submitted to us by this Grand Body, we feel that the experience of the past fifty-five years, and the conditions that now surround us, constrain us to recommend to this Grand Body, the reaffirmation of the action so unanimously had in 1894, and the adoption of the same resolution, reading:

"Resolved, That while entertaining the highest respect and most cordial brotherly feeling for the Grand Royal Arch Masons who are members of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, as well as for all those Grand Chapters which acknowledge its jurisdiction and supremacy, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas deems it inexpedient to surrender its own sovereignty as an independent Masonic Body, and believes that the true interests of Capitular Masonry will be

best promoted by adhering to the action it has already taken toward the General Grand Chapter of the United States.'

"During the past three years, only, Texas has paid to its Home for Aged Masons \$58,960.00, while contributions have been made by Subordinate Chapters of several thousand more.

"Thus far, the only State-wide Charity established by any body of Royal Arch Masons, is that of Texas. Do you realize that affiliation with a General Grand Body would weaken our work there? Every year the General Grand Chapter exacts from its constituents a tax of one per cent per capita. That, with us, would at present amount to over \$210.00. To pay it would deprive our home of the power to support one Old Mason. That is because, before revenue goes to the Home, expenses of the Grand Body must be paid. Every year, even at present cost, one Old Mason would be deprived of the opportunity of a home. An effort was made a short time since to increase the dues to the General Grand Chapter to a per capita of two cents. If done, this, of course, would render us that much more unable to do as we would wish in our charitable work. This is not all. Every three years, each constituent is at the expense of either sending delegates or paying for the entertainment at the Triennial Convocation. Only a few years ago, the Treasury of Maryland was temporarily bankrupt. One of its members was made a Grand Officer, and it incurred expense that the future had to meet. The District of Columbia, not many years ago, even with its small membership, paid over \$600.00, and last year one Grand Chapter with less than 2,000 members paid \$200.00 for the expenses of two of its Delegates. Every dollar of this was a dollar lost, so far as any good for the Order was concerned.

"All the troubles, coming to many of the Grand Chapters, have come through or by being members of this Grand Body. Read the reports of Kentucky, Georgia, Missouri, Louisiana, Wisconsin, and others, and Texas has escaped all. Since 1861, not the slightest shade of trouble with other Grand Chapters has ever darkened our doors. We have not only touched shoulders, but have marched 'arm in arm' with the other four hundred thousand Royal Arch Masons in the United States. Let us pursue the ways of wisdom and re-enact the resolution of 1894, and again 'settle right' with the General Grand Chapter."

Our Duty as a Fraternity

Companion Chas. Albert Adams, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for California, says:

"I have long entertained the opinion that I have not hesitated to publicly express that there is no higher duty devolving upon us as Masons than the duty we owe the State as citizens; and one of the highest duties devolving upon an American citizen is that which requires him to concern himself with those questions which are constantly arising that affect the public welfare—question of public morals, and good government; questions upon the correct solution of which demand the perpetuity of democracy and the maintenance of the principles that constitute the foundation of Society. They are 'political' only in the sense in which politics may be defined as 'that part of ethics which concerns the regulation of a Nation, State or Community, and the preservation of its safety, peace and prosperity.' I can not but believe that to concern ourselves with such questions is not merely our privilege, but our *duty* as Masons, even though we may be as firmly resolved as were our fathers "against all 'politics' as what never conducted to the welfare of the Lodge, nor ever will."

Furthermore, it is now very generally recognized that the greatest deterrent to wrong doing in public and private life is public sentiment. In the last analysis all legislation, all law, is based upon public opinion; and I can conceive of no better place than an assemblage of Masons for the creation, and no better class of citizens than Masons as the creators, of that patriotic, loyal, public-spirited sentiment upon which will be based the laws designed to preserve the safety, peace and prosperity of the commonwealth and of its citizens.

"It is not enough to say that Masons may as individuals do that which they are precluded as Masons from doing. There is likewise a duty devolving upon the Fraternity. If Free Masonry as an institution is to continue to justify the esteem in which it is held it must not shirk its responsibilities, but must bear the burden imposed upon it by reason of its wealth and numbers, and take its place in the light of the sun in the great world movement which is now in progress."

Physical Qualifications

Physical qualification continues to be a topic for correspondents. It would appear, however, that the demand for physical perfection is gradually being eliminated and there is evidenced a tendency toward the establishment of the rule that obtains with us that it is sufficient if the candidate is able to conform with the requirements of the several degrees. The consensus of opinion seems to be that, as a witty correspondent expressed it, "It is time Capitular Masonry was getting away from a rule that debars wooden legs and permits wooden heads."

Uniformity of Work

That the ritualistic work is not uniform throughout the various jurisdictions in all particulars you of course know. The changes in most instances are of form rather than of substance. In some few jurisdictions however the differences are fundamental. In Pennsylvania, for instance, there is no degree of Past Master conferred in the Chapter. Indeed it is not there known as a degree at all. No one is eligible to the degrees in the Chapter unless he has "passed the Chair." This regulation is probably what was suggested in the report of one of the correspondents as a "handicap." It appears however that it is not so regarded in Pennsylvania, and with good reason. The regulation does not restrict membership in the Chapter to those who have actually served as Masters of Symbolic Lodges; because any one who has been a Master Mason for six months may "pass the Chair" in his own Lodge by dispensation from the Grand Lodge, the fee for which is \$10.00; and that no inconsiderable number avail themselves of this privilege is evidenced by the fact that it appears that the revenue to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania from this source alone is about \$25,000.00 a year.

In South Carolina as in Texas applicants for the degrees in the Chapter are required at the same time to make application for the degrees in the Council. This is what is known as the "Texas Plan" that is no longer the engaging topic it once was. A modification and elaboration of this plan appears in a few jurisdictions (two, I think) where the Cryptic and Capitular degrees are conferred in the same Body; the degrees conferred by us in the Council being conferred before the M.E.M. degree.

In this connection, by the way, is to be noted the fact that there is a tendency against, rather than toward, solidarity among the co-ordinate branches of Masonry. For instance, the suggestion has been made by some more interested in the Commandery that they are in the Chapter that there is no good reason why the possession of the Capitular degrees should be deemed a prerequisite for the Order of Knighthood; and that the law of the Grand Encampment should be changed so that a Master Mason might petition for the degrees in the Commandery.

Nebraska

The following law adopted by the Masonic Grand Bodies in the State of Nebraska might well be followed in this Grand Jurisdiction:—

"Whenever a Master Mason who is a resident of Nebraska and who is desirous of petitioning for the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry shall reside nearer some subordinate Chapter in an adjoining Grand Jurisdiction and shall wish to petition such Chapter for the degrees, he shall be allowed to do so without first obtaining permission of the Grand High Priest of this jurisdiction; *Provided*, That this regulation shall take effect and be in force only, and after, receipt of official information from such adjoining Grand Chapter that similar permission is given residents

thereof to apply for the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry in neighboring Chapters located in Nebraska; *Provided further*, That when a petition is received in accordance with this law the Chapter receiving it shall notify the Chapter nearest the petitioner's residence, giving the name of the petitioner and the date of the petition."

Has a Past Principal a Right to a Seat in the East ?

This question as to the right of a Past Principal to demand a seat on the dais at a Chapter meeting was raised in the Grand Chapter of Scotland and decided that the invitation to sit there is founded essentially on courtesy and must be so regarded. Another ruling of interest is found in the minutes of the Grand Chapter of Scotland:

"A Principal of a Chapter, and an active member of it for years, being German by birth, has been interned. He applies for his diploma as a Principal, which is due for issue, on the ground that it is no fault of his own that he has been unable to attend and fulfill the duties of his office during a small portion of the full year. An essential principle of Scottish Masonry is that it excludes politics, though on the other hand it recognises that it is a Masonic offence for a member to actively participate in or support any act disloyal or inimical to the interests of the Empire, more especially when at war. It was held that no member could be expelled, suspended, or deprived of his rights as a Mason without a charge of unmasonic conduct being served upon him and proved, and that in the absence of such, the Principal concerned was entitled to his diploma. The mere fact of internment is not a Masonic offence, and is not of itself any proof of disloyalty.

Membership

The Grand Chapter of Oregon has the following resolution on its statute books which might well be adopted by this and other Grand Chapters:—

"Membership in a Constituent Chapter of this Grand Chapter shall be conditional upon membership in a regular lodge of Master Masons and any severance of membership in a Lodge of Master Masons shall constitute a like severance of membership in a constituent Chapter."

Should Royal Arch Masons Solicit Members?

The Grand High Priest of Tennessee says:—

"If practised at all, it should be tempered with much discretion and prudence. Membership to Masonry in all its branches and particularly the Chapter should be prompted in the first instance by a favorable conception of the Order from its position and work in the community. The individual member could much better devote his time and energy to the building up of the Chapter itself, and that, when earnestly and well done, will prompt membership without solicitation."

Lodge Suspension

The following shows some of the difficulties in carrying out this regulation:

For many years, and in many of the States, the matter of suspension in lodge has been causing much confusion in the Chapters where the uniform rule prevails, that deprivation of Masonic rights in the Lodge automatically works a like deprivation in the chapter. For some time the wise men have been seeking a remedy for the evils which the rule inflicts upon the Chapter. How are we to know when a lodge suspension has occurred? This is the important inquiry and it is because of a failure in this respect that Secretaries and Grand Secretaries are now complaining.

"It has been suggested that when a Companion tenders the payment of his annual dues to the Chapter he shall also exhibit to the Secretary his receipt for dues paid to the lodge. If this were always practical it would, in most cases, be effective. But, in the larger cities particularly, it is not always practical and probably could not be made an inflexible rule anywhere.

"But now comes Comp. John S. Thibaut, of Louisiana, who claims that they have solved the problem of automatic suspension in the chapter, and this is the way they have accomplished it:

"The Grand Lodge of Louisiana, through the Grand Secretary, forwards a monthly bulletin of suspensions and expulsions in the lodge to the Secretaries of the subordinate Chapters of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana; Louisiana recognizes that the fount of Masonry is the lodge, and the Grand Lodge assumes the obligation of advising the other Grand Masonic Bodies of the standing of its members. The system works well and is no very great burden."

The Necessity of the Royal Arch Degree to the Master Mason

This splendid article was prepared by Dr. Wm. F. Kuhn, P.G.H.P., now General Grand King, and was first distributed by his own chapter, Orient No. 102, of Kansas City, Missouri, which has over 1100 members. The Grand Chapter of Missouri had it prepared in booklet form and distributed 50,000 copies to subordinate Chapters, which in turn distributed them to Master Masons. Oklahoma, like Michigan, has reprinted it in the proceedings, and I have pleasure in following their example:—

The system of Masonic degrees, as now practiced, is the product of an evolution. Prior to 1717 there is no record that Freemasonry consisted of more than one degree. The symbolism, the beautiful lectures, the ornate diction, with which we find it clothed today, represents the growth and development from the crude and transition stage of past centuries. Strictly speaking, there was no degree from the dawn of Freemasonry until it began to take on the speculative feature. Before the speculative era, the initiate or apprentice was sworn on "the buke" to observe certain charges, now known as the "Ancient Charges and Regulations." This constituted the entire ceremony, with perhaps the recital of the various legends of the Craft, portions of which are retained to this day.

The Mason, prior to the "Revival" of 1717, was designated as an Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master, not because of any special ceremony or degree work, but on account of the length of the time of service and skill manifested in his handicraft. The Ancient Charges and Regulations, as read to the apprentices, referred to the duties they owed to each other, to the Lodge and the Holy Church. It is even doubted by some of our best Masonic historians that a grip and pass word were connected with these ancient ceremonies.

Ancient Craft Masonry, from its earliest legendary history, (625 A.D.) down to 1740, made no pretensions to philosophical speculations. No latter day wise men existed to convert the simple tools of the operative craftsman into a philosophical fog bank. Near the middle of the eighteenth century other than mere operatives were admitted into the guilds or lodges, and men were elected to preside over the brethren who were not skilled in the implements of the Craft. The introduction of the speculative Mason prepared the way for the dawn of Freemasonry. The so-called "Revival" of 1717 was but the bursting forth of the evolutionary forces that had been slowly developing for half a century. These same forces are at work today, so that it can be truly said that Freemasonry is a progressive science. Masonic historians are agreed that sometime between 1723 and 1730 the Second and Third degrees were evolved, and in this evolution of degrees, ritualism and symbolism were developed, resulting in the intellectual and philosophical Freemasonry of today.

The central idea of the entire system of Freemasonry became the "loss" and "recovery" of the "Word," symbolizing death and the resurrection, the ending of the present and the beginning of the future life. The student of Freemasonry must admit that "The Word" is the central point around which the entire system of Masonic symbolism must revolve. "Its possession is the consummation of all Masonic knowledge; when lost, its recovery is the soul's object of symbolic labor." Mackey says: "No event in the history of Speculative Freemasonry had so important an influence upon its development as a system of symbolism, as the invention of the Royal Arch Degree and its introduction into the Masonic Ritual."

The Royal Arch stands as the rainbow of promise in the Ritual; it stands as the promise of the resurrection; of that which was lost and that it shall be recovered.

The question arises as to whether the *Master's Word* was originally communicated in the Third Degree? On this point there is some diversity of opinion. In our present Ritual of the Third Degree the *Master's Word* is lost. Dr. Oliver, a noted Masonic historian, says: "The *True Word* was never lost but transferred to the Royal Arch," and in corroboration of this statement further says: "I have before me an old French engraving of the Ground Work of the Master's Lodge, dated in 1740, containing the usual emblems and on the coffin is the 'True Word' in Roman capitals." This would tend to prove that before the legend of Hiram Abiff was introduced into the Master's Degree, the *True Word* was communicated in the Master's Degree and not a *Substitute Word*. It necessarily followed that when the legend of Hiram became a part of the Ritual of this degree, the "loss" of the "Word" followed, as the "loss" is a part of the Hiram legend. But the "loss" without a "recovery" would be an absurdity; to complete the symbolism of Freemasonry, the "Word" must be recovered, hence the necessity for a Fourth Degree, the Royal Arch.

In 1738, or earlier, the story of the loss of the *Word* and the new legend, the Royal Arch, were gradually introduced into the lodges, and when the division occurred (1751) dividing the Freemasonry of England into the "Moderns" and "Ancients" the latter organized a Grand Lodge and adopted a Ritual of Four Degrees, the fourth being the Royal Arch.

The Grand Lodge of "Moderns" evidently continued to use the old Ritual, without the legend of Hiram Abiff, while the Grand Lodge of "Ancients" used the new Ritual containing the Hiram legend and the Fourth Degree, until the year 1813, when the two Grand Lodges united and formed the present Grand Lodge of England, known as the United Grand Lodge of England. It is therefore to the Grand Lodge of Ancients that we owe the Master's degree as found in our Ritual and also the preservation of the Royal Arch Degree. One of the articles of union of the two Grand Lodges of England in 1813 was the retention of the degrees as formulated by the Grand Lodge of "Ancients" hence, among the articles of agreement of this union, we find the only declaration made anywhere or at any time as to what constitutes "Ancient Craft Masonry." This article declares that "*Ancient Craft Masonry shall consist of the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason, together with the Holy Royal Arch.*"

We see, therefore, that the Royal Arch is merely the evolution of a truth contained in the early Third Degree. It is not a "Higher Degree," but the last volume of the series in a sublime story revealed through symbolism. The Master's Degree without the Royal Arch is a story half told, a song unsung and a promise unfulfilled. The candidate is promised that he should receive, but is put off with a "Substitute." He is left in darkness, in doubt, and to the thoughtful one in a condition of disappointment. Yet, there is a purpose behind this seeming deception. Light and revealed Truth comes only through toil and willing service. This lesson must be learned before any Mason is qualified to know and appreciate the Truth, *The Master's Word*. It is, possibly, unfortunate that the Royal Arch Degree was separated from the "Blue Degrees"; but whether fortunate or unfortunate, the Royal Arch stands as the last of the degrees in Ancient Craft Masonry. It is the Summit and no Master Mason is in possession of all that Freemasonry touches without the Royal Arch. The series of four degrees continued to be conferred under a lodge charter until about 1750, in America at least. The earliest history that we have of the Royal Arch in this country was in 1758, when it was conferred under a lodge charter in Philadelphia. It was introduced into New York about the same time by an English military lodge, in Massachusetts in 1769, where it was conferred by St. Andrew's Lodge.

Since that time the Royal Arch Degree has remained secure in its superior place. "The term Royal Arch Lodge was succeeded by Chapter and Royal Arch Chapter. The word Chapter was used in Connecticut as early as Sept. 5, 1783; in Pennsylvania, Sept. 5, 1789; in New York, April 29, 1791; in Massachusetts, December 19, 1794. The word Chapter took place of the Lodge in England, for the first time, April 29, 1768. The word Companion, used in the Chapter in place of

Brother, was first used in England in 1778. These terms, Chapter and Companion, were soon carried to America where they flourish as elements in the Capitular system of degrees."

Such in brief, is the history of the Royal Arch Degree; its parentage is as legitimate as any of the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry; it sprang from the introduction of Speculative Freemasonry into Operative Masonry,—the fruit of symbolism and allegory. To be a Master Mason is the highest and most honorable degree that any man can attain; it entitles him to all the rights and privileges of the Craft; all the accumulated so-called higher degrees do not add anything to his Masonic stature. The Royal Arch is a part of the Master's Degree—the summit of its excellency. It is the privilege and should be the duty of Master Masons to complete the Masonic story, told in allegory and revealed in symbolism by receiving the Royal Arch.

Would you be enrolled as one living in that future generation that shall discover it? Act now.

THE MARK MASTER DEGREE

The degrees of the Chapter are: Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch. The origin of the Mark Degree is veiled in obscurity, like all Masonic degrees, but like the others, it sprang into existence in the earlier period of Speculative Freemasonry.

It was customary for the operative Masons to select for themselves a Mark, to be placed upon every piece of work wrought by them. This was done in order to keep a check on each operative's work by the Overseers, and to facilitate the payment of wages. Each Mark was distinctive and the same mark frequently descended from father to son through several generations.

These Marks may be seen today on the stones in the old cathedrals of Europe. Fac simile copies are reproduced in all Masonic histories. In Scotland, the operative Mason was required to register his Mark by the Shaw's Statutes issued in 1598. From this requirement of registration of the mark, the Mark degree was evidently evolved.

The earliest record of the Mark Degree being conferred in Scotland bears the date of January 7, 1778. Yet this does not prove that the degree was not conferred at a much earlier date. These records also contain the information that the mark Degree could not be conferred upon any one not having received the degree of Fellowcraft and Master. A report made to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England states: "There is probably no degree in Freemasonry that can lay claim to greater antiquity than those of Mark Man or Mark Mason and Mark Master Mason.

The degree was conferred in Nova Scotia in 1784; in Connecticut in 1791; in New York in 1791 and in Boston in 1793. Like the Royal Arch, the Mark Degree was originally conferred in the Lodge. In the United States, the General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., issued Mark Lodge Charters up to 1853, when it was prohibited and the degree passed under Chapter control. In England the degree is under the control of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons; in Canada and in Scotland the control is vested as in the United States.

The lessons of the degree are intensely practical, emphasizing the great requirement in life, viz: Qualification and service.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE

A lie well told and repeated constantly becomes a truth to credulous people. This applies to the oft repeated statement that Thomas Smith Webb fabricated the American system of Capitular Degrees and the Orders of the Commandery of Knights Templar. Any man having an ounce of brains, and will use that ounce, will find that the degrees of the Chapter and the orders of the Commandery were in existence and conferred nearly fifty years before Webb was born. The Most excellent is frequently credited to his fertile brain, and so stated by some Masonic

writers, but fortunately there is on record in Massachusetts and New York the date of Webb's birth and the dates on which he received all the Masonic Degrees. The dates go to show that the Most Excellent was known and conferred before Webb became a Royal Arch Mason.

The latter half of the eighteenth century was prolific in Masonic Degrees in France and England. The degrees of all the Rites can date their birth from 1723 to 1760, and in the maze of names and titles of degrees we find a veritable jungle. In this period we find the Irish system embraced The Chair, The Excellent, The Super Excellent, The Royal Arch, The Knight Templar and the Prince Rose Croix. The Scottish system embraced: The Mark Master, The Past Master, The Excellent Master and the Royal Arch. St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston, worked the Irish System, except the Chair, from 1769 to 1797. After 1799 the Mark, Past, Most Excellent and Royal Arch were conferred. A prominent Masonic writer says of the change: "This transition indicates and suggests that the Super Excellent Degree of one hundred and twenty years ago contained the marrow and something of the bone of the Most Excellent Degree."

From 1791 the Most Excellent was a well known degree and a part of the Capitular System. The Super Excellent of this period must not be taken for the Super Excellent appendant to the Council of Royal and Select Masters of today. The Most Excellent Degree is a fitting prelude to the Royal Arch, one of the most impressive degrees in its ceremonies and sublimely spiritual in its symbolism.

WHAT OF THE HOUR?

What of the hour in Freemasonry? Brighter, stronger, clearer. We often become discouraged and are inclined to be pessimistic; but amid all the errors and stumbling, a better day is dawning, when we shall see the beneficent labors of Freemasonry shining in effulgent splendor. Freemasonry is growing in power and beneficence. As its immortal principles take root in the fallow soil of the human heart and mind, it buds and blossoms into the foliage of kindness and the Hesperidean fruit of charity toward all mankind. While the Masonic tramp may be seen on the beautiful highway of Freemasonry, there are many more today, than ever, who are toiling in mind and heart in the treasure-strewn mines of Freemasonry's realm.

Freemasonry today means more than negative plaudits and negative principles; but she stands pre-eminently as a living, growing, resistless power, whose end and aim is the exaltation of man and the glory of "The I Am That I Am." Our ancient brethren journeyed from Babylon to Jerusalem—out of bondage into freedom—with one strong purpose in view. What was the desire so pre-eminent in their hearts? What was the foundation of the zeal that actuated them to undergo the trials and hardships of that weary journey? Let them speak: "To aid in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding our City and Temple of the Lord. It was Work, Work, Work. Not idleness and ease.

But in the building of this City of the Brotherhood of Man and the spiritual Temple of ours, what portion of the work are you willing to undertake? Are you willing to quarry the rough ashler? Are you willing to be a burden bearer? Are you willing to work in the trenches and lay the foundation stones, away down from the sight and applause of man?

Royal Arch Masonry asks us: "What portion of the work are you willing to undertake?" You may answer that, owing to my social standing, I am willing to wear the helmet and plume of the Captain of the Host, or, on account of my wealth and dignity, I will wear a crown and be the King, or, being a prince of good fellows, I would wear the Mitre. But where are the claimants for the crow, the pick and the spade?

Royal Arch Masonry would answer: "Any portion of the work, be it ever so service." It is a willing service, a self-denying service; self, but a great part of the whole; self-glorified, only as a sacrifice for all. If there is one great truth that Royal Arch Masonry teaches above all others, it is that labor is honorable, be it

ever so servile. That he would wear the crown must earn it. That he would rule, must first learn to obey. That he who would enter the sanctum sanctorum of the genius of Royal Arch Masonry must enter by self-denying toil, and the hinges of its doors will swing open as readily for the peasant as for the prince, for the subject as for the King.

But what are the emoluments for all the hardships of the journey and toil? Is it a princely salary or the honors of official distinction? Again comes the reply: "Without the hope of fee or reward." It implies a willing service without the hope of a fee or reward. It is unselfish toil. The emoluments of Royal Arch Masonry are not hire, but doing one's duty. The spirit of selfishness is hire, the spirit of unselfishness is love.

If in charity we remove the rubbish of disappointed hopes, may we not discover the keystone of the secret vault of the mysteries of a sweeter song, and nobler aspirations? Then what is your reward?

If in love we aid a fainting brother to lay a better foundation for the Temple of his life: Then what is your reward?

If in kindness we extend the hand to a weary sojourner in his toilsome march over rough and rugged roads to the new Jerusalem: Then what is your reward?

If in good will we cheer the sorrowing, encouraging the halting and reclaim the wandering: Then what is your reward.

If in love, we bear in our hands food for the hungry and a home for the homeless: Then what is your reward? Answer it in the light of your conscience and by the promptings of your better self.

Of such is the labor of Royal Arch Masonry; broad as the world, deep as God's love, co-existent with eternity, and as "beautiful as the feet of Him who bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth peace."

Fraternally yours,

WM. F. KUHN, P. G. H. PL.

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To Scribes E.

PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Acknowledge to the Grand Scribe E. the receipt of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

The financial year of Subordinate Chapters ends on THE 31st DECEMBER, and Scribes E. are required to forward their returns to the Grand Scribe E. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.

All cheques should be made PAYABLE AT PAR at Calgary.

Write the names of Companions in full, plainly, in the returns, so that there may be no errors in filling out the Grand Chapter Certificate. Also see that the AGE, OCCUPATION, and PLACE OF RESIDENCE are not omitted. Where deaths are included THE DATE OF DECEASE should accompany the record.

SEND A FULL LIST OF THE OFFICERS OF YOUR CHAPTER IMMEDIATELY AFTER INSTALLATION.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 1918

M. E. Comp. Andrew R. Dickson	Grand Z.
R. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey	Grand H.
R. E. Comp. Norman T. Macleod	Grand J.
R. E. Comp. John E. Johnson	Grand Scribe E.
R. E. Comp. Peter J. Dewie	Grand Scribe N.
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R. E. Comp. Dougald W. McMillan	Grand Registrar.

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The 12th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta,
will be held in the City of Red Deer, on Wednesday, the 12th
day of March, 1919, at 10.00 o'clock, A.M.